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HIGHLIGHTS

Delaware's **unemployment rates** during the third quarter of 1987 averaged 3.0 percent, second lowest in the nation.

Manufacturing production workers in Delaware earned an average of $421.13 per week in September, a 2.8 percent increase from September of 1986.

The Philadelphia Area **Consumer Price Index** increased 5.2 percent in September from September of 1986.

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Holand Glade, a 259-lot development in Rehoboth, was given environmental clearance by the State Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control.

A September Census Bureau report shows **Sussex County's population** to be the fastest growing in Delaware for the years from 1980 to 1986.

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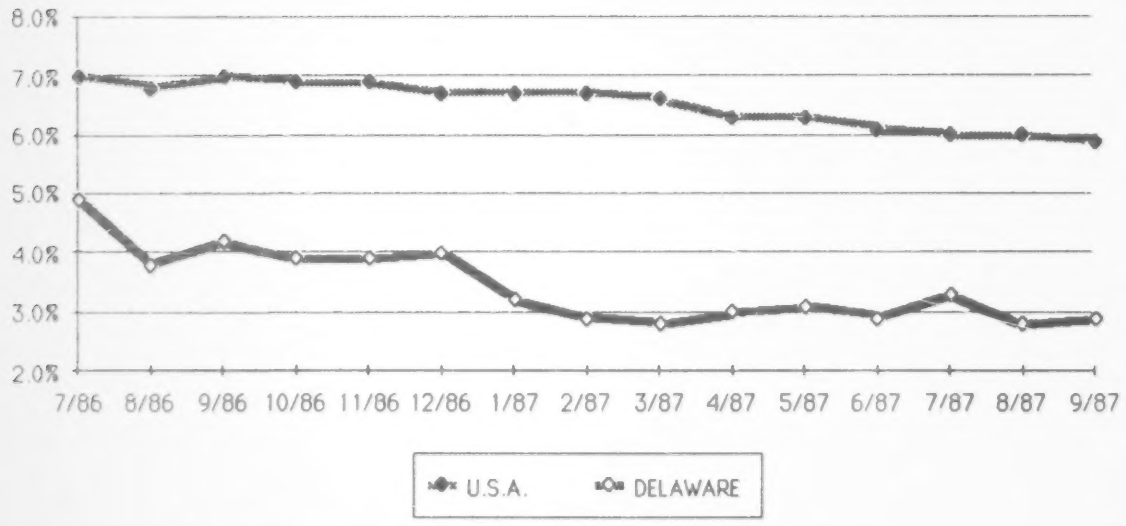
LABOR FORCE DEVELOPMENTS (TABLE 1)

Delaware's seasonally-adjusted unemployment rates rose in July to 3.3 percent, fell to 2.8 percent in August, and remained relatively flat in September rising only slightly to 2.9 percent. During the first nine months of 1987, Delaware continued to maintain the second lowest unemployment rate in the nation.

The nonseasonal unemployment rates rose in July to 3.4 percent, fell in August and September, finishing the quarter at a low for the year of 2.5 percent.

Nationally, the unemployment rates remained relatively constant over the period, ending the quarter at a low for the year of 5.9 percent.

U.S.A. AND DELAWARE UNEMPLOYMENT RATES, JUL.86-SEP.87



NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT(TABLE 2 & 2A)

Total State nonagricultural wage and salary employment decreased slightly from June levels and stayed relatively flat, ending the quarter in September at 317,800. Seasonal decreases occurred in Retail Trade (especially eating and drinking places); Transportation (local and interurban passengers); and the Manufacturing Sector (transportation equipment and printing and publishing).

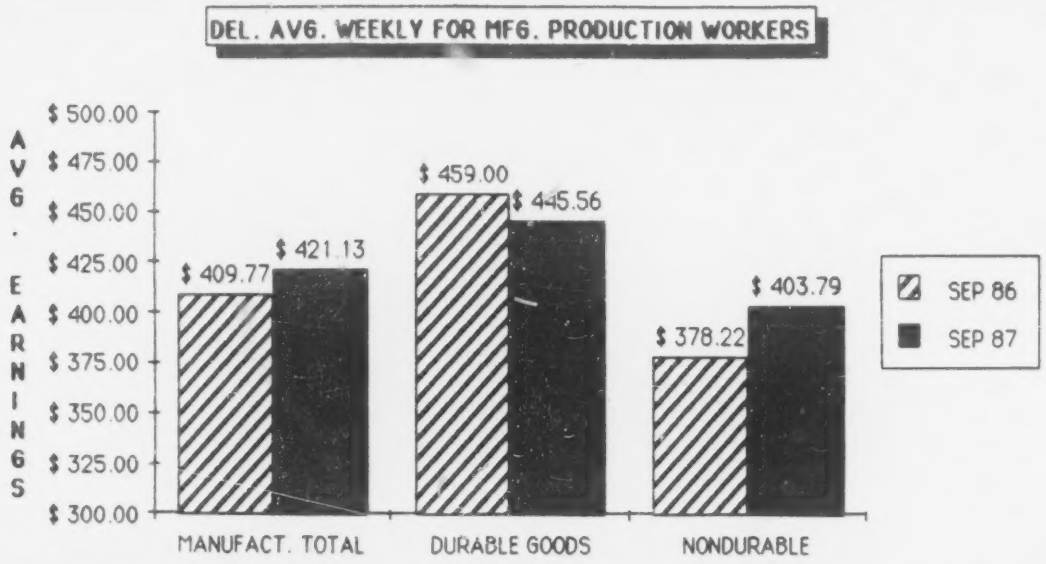
The Wilmington PMSA, averaging employment of 272,000 over the quarter, experienced the same movement as Statewide.

HOURS AND EARNINGS (TABLE 3)

Average weekly earnings of manufacturing production workers in Delaware decreased from June to July ($427,52 to $409.94); increased in August to $428.81; and then decreased slightly to $421.13 in September. Average weekly earnings for manufacturing production workers in September were up 2.8% from September of 1986. Weekly average wages in Durable Goods ended the quarter lower than in 1986, probably due to the closing of Phoenix Steel.

Weekly hours for the quarter averaged 39.7 hours lower than in the third quarter of 1986 (40.4 hours). Hourly wages were higher than in 1986 by 73 cents on average and showed steady growth through each month of the quarter. The $10.91 September average for hourly earnings was 3.6% higher than the June 1987 figure.

Wilmington PMSA average weekly earnings in September were 504.79, up 20% from a year ago. Chemicals weekly hours (44.8) and hourly earnings ($15.91) were both up from year ago levels.



UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (TABLES 4 & 5)

Total weeks of regular UI **benefits** compensated during the third quarter of 1987 totaled 40,317 with a benefit amount of $5,501,665 paid. The average size of payment for UI regular unemployment decreased slightly to $137. Continued claim counts registered 42,500 during the quarter, which compared favorably to the 90,400 claimants during the third quarter of 1986.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (TABLE 6)

The Philadelphia Area Consumer Price Index rose slightly in the third quarter, registering 342.8 in September. The quarterly increase was the result of gains in medical, apparel and upkeep, and other goods and services expenditures.

Nationally , the September index registered 344.4, for a monthly gain of 0.5 percent and a 5.2 percent increase over the year.

NATIONAL

The U. S. Dept. of Commerce reported a reversing of a 50 year trend. Regions of the United States have been growing apart as income growth in the coastal states has outstripped the rest of the country. From 1929 to 1979, income differences had been narrowing between different regions. However, since 1979 differences have widened dramatically. The Far West, with a **per-capita income** level 14% above the national average, and the Mid-Atlantic states, where incomes were 6% above the national averages, were the leaders in this economic gap measurement. Incomes in the Southwest and Southeast were lower than the national average. Delaware ranked 13th highest in per-capita income for 1986 at $15,010 and had a 4.9% increase from 1985 to 1986.

Currently States are competing for **abandoned funds** of more than $569 million. According to the National Assoc. of Unclaimed Property Administrators, states have collected $3 billion. Their figures reveal Delaware had collected $6 million in fiscal 1986. Because of Delaware's unique position as a place of incorporation for many companies, the state is in a favorable legal position for claims on abandoned funds. Other states are challenging this on the basis of corporate headquarters location or principal facility location.

The Department of Commerce reported in August that **consumer spending was up .9 percent in July**. This was at a rate twice as fast as income growth. The ratio of savings to after-tax income fell to 2.8 percent in July, down from 3.3 percent in June and from 4.3 percent for all of 1986.

General Motors (GM) new President, Robert Stempe, indicated the parts and components operations at GM must earn their way or face sale or closure. GM's 90 parts and components plants employ about 120,000 workers and provide GM with about 70% of its parts. In comparison, only 50% of Ford's parts are supplied internally, and only 30% of Chrysler's parts are supplied in this way.

General Motors Corp. closed its Norwood Ohio assembly plant in late August. The Norwood Plant is one of eleven GM plants to close. Nationally more than 29,000 workers are affected.

July **sales of new homes** were reported up 0.5% following a revised June figure.

The Dept. of Commerce reported new single-family houses were sold at a seasonally-adjusted rate of 653,000 units in July. The median price of a new home fell by $1,000 to $107,000.

Chrysler Corporation plans increases of between 4 percent and 21 percent for some 1988 models. Analysts explained Chrysler is following the industry-wide trend of making more options standard equipment on the new models.

South African miners went on strike in August. Mine workers were seeking a 30% across the board raises.

Nationally, **factory output** increased in July. America's factories operated at 80.5% of capacity in July. Analysts credit this rebound to a 40% decline in the value of the dollar over the past two years, which has made U.S. products more competitive on overseas markets.

REGION

The Wall Street Journal reports **New Jersey** is currently having an economic upswing with **bank mergers** and a boom in real estate leading the financial growth. Incorporations at 33,000 are 12,000 above 1980 levels. Foreign companies number more than 1,000.

In September, **New Jersey** Governor Thomas Kean signed a welfare reform bill which required able-bodied recipients of Aid to Families with Dependent Children, who do not have children under the age of two, to get a job, attend school, or obtain job training. The mandatory program called "Realizing Economic Achievement" would continue State support for medical benefits for the first year of work and assist paying childcare and transportation costs.

Pennsylvania Shipbuilding was awarded a $5.5 million contract in September to overhaul the *Sustain*, a floating drydock owned by the Navy. The shipyard in August received a $3.4 million contract to overhaul the frigate *U.S.S. Clark*. Pennsylvania Shipbuilding is seeking to hire 100 welders and shipfitters on a temporary basis. Work on the two contracts is expected to last through February of 1988.

In August two more start-up companies will begin operations at the **Crozier Mills Enterprise Center** in Upland, PA. Nine other firms are already in the Center. The new firms (Frohock Associates, a manufacturer of document binders, and Facilities Development Corp., a custom furniture builder) will utilize the centralized office services and technical assistance the Center offers.

An Oklahoma based food distributor, **Fleming Companies,** announced plans to build a $11.6 million refrigerated warehouse in North East that will employ 200 workers upon completion in early 1989. Fleming will build the 95,000-square-foot warehouse on six acres in North East's **Pennisula Industrial Park** according to Michael Pugh, Cecil County's Head of Planning and Economic Development.

Ground was broken in August for the $8.5 million **Village of Elkton** shopping center on U.S. 40 near Elkton. A Jamesway Discount Department Store and a 40,000 square-foot food store will be major tenants.

STATE

A September Census Bureau report estimated the mid-1986 population for the State to be 632,700, a 6.4% increase from 1980. Sussex County's population has grown most rapidly, increasing by 12%. The three counties mid-1986 populations were estimated at 417,800 for New Castle, 109,700 for Sussex, and 105,200 for Kent.

Mellon Bank (Delaware) will be affected by a 10% payroll reduction as the corporation located in Pittsburgh attempts to reduce overall payrolls by $65 million. Mellon Bank has 800 employees in Delaware and 18,000 overall. Heads of all departments were asked to provide proposed reductions by August. The four-person Greenville branch office is scheduled to close in November.

Legislators approved a 3-cent-per-gallon increase in the **State's gasoline tax** effective July 1. This increase raises the State rate to 16-cents-per-gallon. The legislation earmarks the added revenues for a new Transportation Trust Fund, created to finance improvements to highways and other transportation projects.

In September **Delmarva Power** filed to decrease the price residential natural gas customers pay by 6.3%. This reduction would bring the decrease in gas costs to 17.6 percent overall since March of 1985, according to Wallace C. Judd, Delmarva Power spokesman.

F. W. Dodge economists are hedging their bets on the future of the **construction industry in Delaware** since the stock market crash on October 19 -- waiting to see further signs of recession. Before the crash, construction contracts increased 22 percent during September, and the interest rate sensitive residential construction was up 9 percent to $27.74 million from $25.42 million a year ago. Commercial building dropped 17 percent to $10.86 million, down from $13.08 million in 1986. Public works building more than tripled in September ($12.41 million) from year ago figures ($3.27 million).

NEW CASTLE COUNTY

In August **Boscov's** opened their second retail outlet in Delaware at the Concord Mall. Albert R. Boscov estimated sales from the 140,000 square-foot store to be about $30 million in the first year of operation.

Marriott Corp. is planning to build a $31 million hotel on Delaware Ave. at 11th Street. The City's Commerce Department was awarded a $6.7 million Urban Development Action Grant (UDAG) in September to develop the 254-room hotel, which will include a seven story parking garage. The project expects to create 96 permanent positions and 236 construction jobs. Marriott media relations manager Paul Butler indicated the company is considering an all-suite hotel. Another suite-hotel is planned just two blocks away by the Pickett Hotel Co. of Columbus Ohio.

The **Brandywine Gateway** is getting another high-rise office building. It will be a 12-story office-condominium building at 13th and King Streets. Ground will be broken on the $3.1 million project in October.

Reliable Corp., a Chicago-based office supply catalog company, will lease 120,000 square-feet at **Interchange Park** on Elkton Road near Newark. Construction on the 75-acre site is under way with occupancy planned for December.

Pinnacle Mortgage Investment Corp of Lancaster will open its permanent offices in Delaware at the **Delle Donne Corporate Center**. To date this 90,000 square-foot office complex located at Centre Road and Lancaster Pike is 70% occupied.

A new 18-unit **apartment building** for low- and moderate-income families is under construction in Northeast Wilmington. The $600,000 project in the 100 block of E. 30th Street is scheduled for completion in late November.

Expansion of the **Westvaco Corp.** Folding Carton Division on Delaware 273 near Newark is expected to be completed in late September. The 60,000 square-foot addition will provide the plant with state-of-the-art packaging equipment for microwave oven-safe packaging and will more than double the plant's capacity.

Wilmington is one of seven cities in which **United Airlines** discontinued service as of October 31, 1987. United had introduced daily flights into Wilmington in 1984.

In September the University of Delaware announced that the needed $2.25 million in private funds had been obtained and that construction on the $4.1 million **Ice Skating Science Development Center/**Human Performance Laboratory can begin. A Representative from the contractor, Kraph Co., expected construction to take about seven months.

Bankruptcy Court in Wilmington approved a $1 million dollar loan from developers Ernest F. Delle Donne and Morris L. Stoltz II to **Phoenix Steel Corp** to keep the company's shut-down mills in Claymont from deteriorating. The developer's limited partnership will act as agents for Phoenix in seeking rezoning of the property from manufacturing to commercial use.

In September renovations were completed converting the former Charles B. Lore Elementary School into **Lorelton**, a 62-unit retirement apartment building. The entire project costs of $6 million were helped in part by a $1 million grant from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

In October the **Port of Wilmington** is expected to receive a new multipurpose crane equipped to handle bulk and containerized freight. The $7 million dollar crane is expected to be operational by December. Officials expect the crane to help break the 3.05 million ton cargo-handling record set last year.

The **Dole Fruit Company** plans to close Manhattan's last operating pier in November and move operations to the Port of Wilmington. The City Council approved the lease on October 12th. The expanded facility will mean 100 more port jobs and another 150 indirect jobs and "at least double" the $1 million in annual revenues, according to city officials.

The **DuPont Company** plans to build a biologically secure laboratory to grow live AIDS virus at its Glasgow site Work on the $3.5 million laboratory is expected to be completed in January of 1988.

Delle Donne & Associates will be breaking ground on a 32,000 square-foot shopping center, **Shoppes of Red Mill**, at Red Mill Road and Kirkwood Highway in November. The $3 million center will have 8 to 16 shops.

The first office building in the **Bellevue Park Corporate Center** has opened and is 75% leased, according to the developers. A second building, similar in design to the first, will be started immediately. The 52-acre former country estate of Marion duPont Scott will eventually have 756,000 square feet of office space in seven buildings. Plans call for conversion of the mansion into a conference center and executive suites for overnight accommodations.

Norel Corporation of Bogota N.J. will open a new $2 million manufacturing plant in the Boulden Industrial Park near New Castle. The 43,200 square-foot plant will manufacture polystyrene pellets used for fragile and industrial packaging The New Castle site will provide Norel with a regionalized distribution and manufacturing center.and should employ about 30 persons.

Brock J. Vinton, President of Commonwealth Group, announced plans to build a $20 million office campus off I-95 just south of the turnpike service area. The 18-acre park has been zoned for 240,000 square-feet of office space and will be called **Christiana Corporate Center**. Commonwealth plans to offer space at $15.50 per square foot.

In October, **Airco Industrial Gases**, a

division of B.O.C. Group Inc. broke ground on a $50 million air separation and liquification plant in Claymont. Upon completion in January of 1989, the plant will be one of the largest air separation plants in the country, producing 700 tons per day of oxygen, 2,000 tons per day of nitrogen.

Delaware Authority for Regional Transit **(DART)** has purchased 45 new buses using a $7 million federal grant. The new buses replace 12 year old models that will be auctioned

In 1988, the **DuPont Company** will begin phasing out production at its 300-worker Jonesboro, Arkansas plant and its Garden City, N.Y. plant . The company will shift production of its medical diagnostic test packs to its Glasgow, Delaware and Manati, Puerto Rico locations.

In further restructuring moves, the DuPont Co. has purchased Master Images, Inc. of San Jose, California for an undisclosed amount. This private company makes photo-masks used in the manufacture of semiconductors. The DuPont Company has been in the photo-mask business since 1986, when it purchased Tau Laboratories, Inc. This addition is expected to further improve the geographic distribution of DuPont's services to the semiconductor industry

In August, DuPont and Xerox Corp. completed the formation of **DX Imaging Partnership**, a joint venture to develop and manufacture products for the electronic imaging market.

KENT COUNTY

The **Delaware State Housing Authority's** $227,382 bid for the 18-acre parcel next to the Carlyle Gardens apartment complex on Walker Road, Dover has been accepted by Carlisle Land Co. Martha S. Harris, Director of the Housing Authority indicated the purchase of the parcel was to discourage private developers from bidding on Carlyle Gardens when the complex goes up for auction in November. The Housing Authority has already indicated a willingness to spend up to $4 million over the cost of the property to make needed renovations and prevent the possible displacement of the 400 current residents. Fair market value for the 108-unit low-income housing complex is $2.9 million.

The Dover City Planning Commission has recommended to City Council a rezoning which would allow the extension of Frank A. Robino's **Woodmill Apartments** on Delaware 8. If approved, the 32-acre tract would be used to add about 100 apartment units.

In October, plans were announced for a 52,000-square foot mini-mall adjacent to the Dover Mall. The **Dover Commons** will be anchored by a Silo store at one end and a Pier 1 Imports store at the other.

Scott Paper Company has announced it wil undergo a multi-million dollar plant expansion and modernization program at

its Dover plant. The project will expand current warehouse space from 60,000 to 90,000 square feet and should be completed in 18 months.

A New Bedford, Mass. children's clothing company, **Ginger Peachy Inc.**, announced it will move into the factory formerly occupied by L & M Fashions at 45 Clark Street in Harrington. Ginger Peachy Inc. manufactures girls' dresses and sportswear and will employ more than 100 stitchers within a year.

Winner Ford broke ground in August on a $3.6 million facility on DuPont Highway and River Road in Dover. When completed, the project will more than double the floor space at the dealership.

In September **Classic Interiors**, a commercial/residential interior decorating business, opened in the Blue Hen Mall.

ILC officials in Frederica have recently announced receipt of a $29 million U.S. Air Force contract to develop and produce Transportable Collective Protection Systems. These systems will provide safety for personnnel operating in a chemical-biological warfare threat environment.

In September, the **Modern Maturity Center** announced plans to build a new senior center on Delaware 8 just west of the Elks Club. The new building will expand services from the current sites' 16,000 square feet

SUSSEX COUNTY

In late August, environmental approval was granted for Dennis Silicato's **Holand Glade**, a 259-lot, single family development in Rehoboth Beach. Prices for homes will range from $150,000 to $170,000, with lots selling in the $40,000's.

Sussex County Council in September extended its moratorium on rezoning and subdivision of land near the ocean and inland bays through the end of the year. The ban affects all property within the state-designated coastal zone.

Child Care Connection of Wilmington, a non-profit child care referral agency, has opened a new office in Milford. While the business office is now in operation, the referral service is scheduled to open in November.

Sussex County Administrator, Frederick Mertes, has proposed Sussex County Council adopt a set of special fees for housing developers to help local school districts and fire companys cope with the added expenses of population growth. Mertes indicated that a formal **impact fee** proposal will be submitted to Council later in the fall.

The U. S. House of Representatives in October re-authorized the National Sea Grant College Program for the next five years. The **University of Delaware's College of Marine Studies,** with facilities in Lewes and Newark has been a

member of the program since its inception 21 years ago.

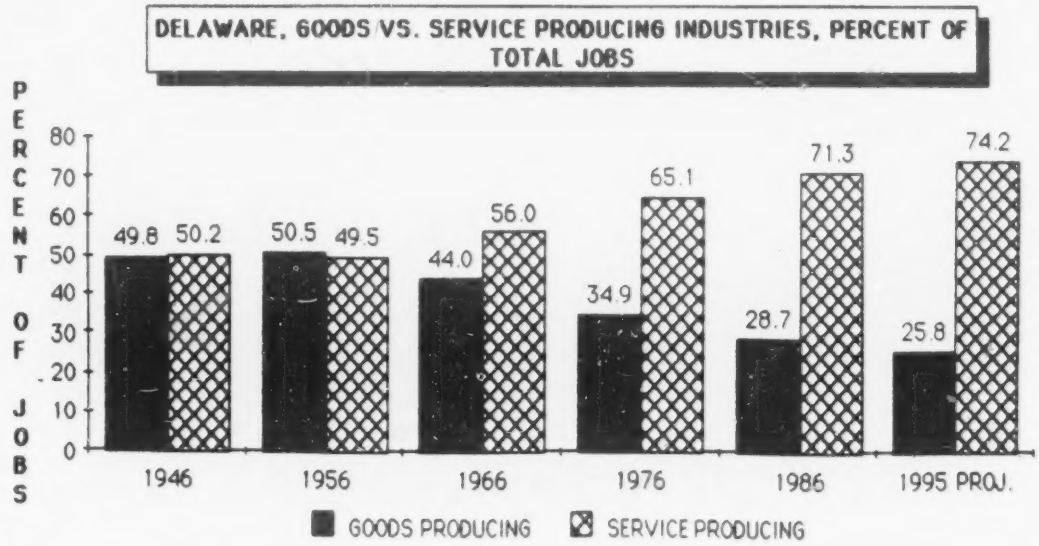
In October, Dr. Charles G Wagner reported that difficulties in arranging a financial package are delaying development of a proposed 52-acre **retirement community in Milton.** In June Wagner had lined up a $6.4 million county housing bond and construction on the 150-unit development seemed imminent.

SPECIAL INTEREST ARTICLE: DELAWARE EMPLOYMENT IN THE YEARS AHEAD

The Office of Occupational and Labor Market Information has recently compiled a series of tables and graphs depicting industry and occupational employment trends in the years ahead. The tables provide United States and Delaware employment projections to the year 1995. A complimentary report titled, Tomorrow's Jobs in Delaware, is expected to be available in the coming quarter and can be obtained from the Office of Occupational and Labor Market Information.

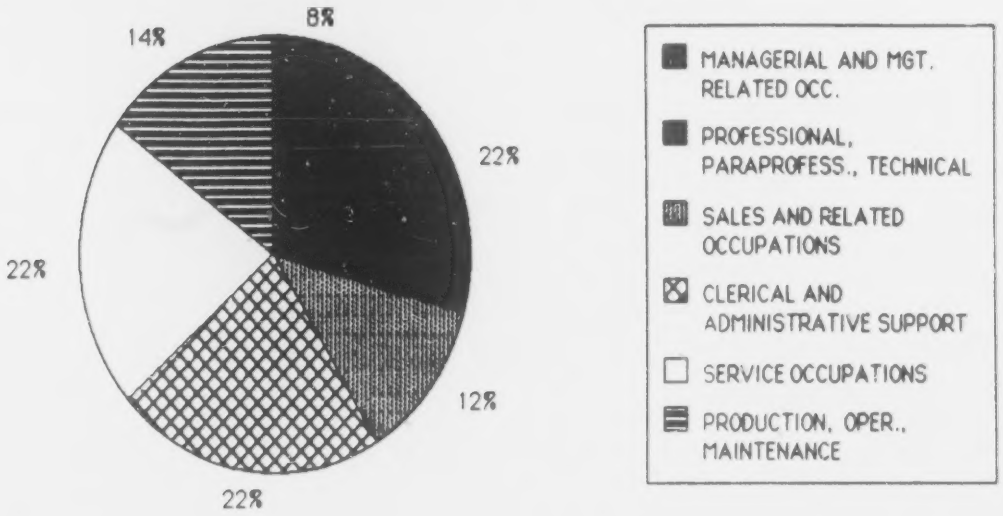
Delaware's long term employment outlook is good with over 68,000 new full and part-time jobs expected by 1995.

The trends in industry share of job growth are best summarized by the following bar graph. It depicts goods producing and service producing industry employment from 1946. Since 1966, share of employment in the service producing industries has been larger than the goods producing industry in continually increasing amounts.



Occupations with the largest expected job growth from 1986 to 1995 reflect the dominance of the service producing industries. Janitors and Cleaners; Salespersons, Retail; Secretaries; Cashiers; Waiters and Waitresses; General Office Clerks; and Registered Nurses head the list of occupations with expected increases ranging from 3,300 for Janitors and Cleaners to 1,600 for Registered Nurses. The pie chart which follows shows expected job growth by major occupational groups and reveals that the three major contributors to job growth are the clerical; the services; and the professional, paraprofessional and technical groups.

DELAWARE, PERCENT OF PROJECTED (TO 1995) TOTAL NEW JOBS BY OCCUPATIONAL CATEGORY



CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT

BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE

TABLE I

(IN THOUSANDS)

AREA	YEAR	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		
		JUL	AUG	SEP*	JUL	AUG	SEP*	JUL	AUG	SEP*	JUL	AUG	SEP*
DELAWARE, SEASONALLY ADJ	1987	331.6	326.4	325.0	320.7	317.3	315.6	10.9	9.1	9.4	3.3	2.8	2.9
	1986	326.6	324.7	323.9	310.4	312.3	310.4	16.2	12.4	13.5	4.9	3.8	4.2
DELAWARE, UNADJUSTED	1987	341.1	335.3	329.1	329.4	325.9	321.0	11.7	9.4	8.1	3.4	2.8	2.5
	1986	336.0	333.3	327.3	318.8	320.4	315.6	17.2	12.9	11.7	5.0	3.9	3.6
WILMINGTON PMSA, UNADJUSTED	1987	287.1	283.5	281.3	274.4	274.4	273.1	12.7	9.1	8.2	4.4	3.2	2.9
	1986	285.9	283.2	280.5	267.4	269.7	268.3	18.5	13.5	12.1	6.5	4.8	4.3
UNITED STATES, SEASON ADJ **	1987	119,952.0	120,302.0	119,861.2	112,727.0	113,081.0	112,772.0	7,224.0	7,221.0	7,089.0	6.0	6.0	5.9
	1986	118,117.0	118,124.0	118,272.0	109,887.0	110,067.0	109,987.0	8,230.0	8,057.0	8,285.0	7.0	6.8	7.0
SURROUNDING STATES													
NEW JERSEY, SEASONALLY ADJ **	1987	3,930.0	3,986.0	3,916.0	3,771.0	3,815.0	3,740.0	159.0	171.0	176.0	4.0	4.3	4.5
	1986	3,904.0	3,916.0	3,918.0	3,698.0	3,724.0	3,729.0	206.0	192.0	189.0	5.3	4.9	4.8
NEW YORK, SEASONALLY ADJ **	1987	8,481.0	8,526.0	8,392.0	8,106.0	8,145.0	8,012.0	375.0	381.0	380.0	4.4	4.5	4.5
	1986	8,399.0	8,390.0	8,434.0	7,881.0	7,886.0	7,929.0	518.0	504.0	505.0	6.2	6.0	6.0
PENNSYLVANIA, SEASON ADJ **	1987	5,616.0	5,697.0	5,675.0	5,295.0	5,383.0	5,359.0	321.0	314.0	316.0	5.7	5.5	5.6
	1986	5,615.0	5,659.0	5,646.0	5,241.0	5,284.0	5,264.0	374.0	375.0	382.0	6.7	6.6	6.8
MARYLAND, UNADJUSTED	1987	2,427.7	2,408.3	2,393.1	2,325.7	2,314.7	2,299.9	102.1	93.6	93.2	4.2	3.9	3.9
	1986	2,401.0	2,389.7	2,370.4	2,294.8	2,290.1	2,274.2	106.2	99.6	96.3	4.4	4.2	4.1

*PRELIMINARY ** U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

DELAWARE- NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY SELECTED INDUSTRY- BY PLACE OF WORK
(IN THOUSANDS)

TABLE-2

INDUSTRY GROUP	1987 JUL	1987 AUG	1987 SEP	1986 JUL	1986 AUG	1986 SEP
TOTAL NONAG. WAGE & SALARY	316.3	317.2	317.8	305.4	308.6	306.6
MANUFACTURING	66.2	69.5	69.4	64.6	68.3	68.5
DURABLE GOODS	14.9	18.4	18.4	13.1	16.7	17.2
PRIMARY & FABRICATED METALS	2.9	2.9	2.9	3.7	3.7	3.7
MACHINERY	3.4	3.6	3.6	3.4	3.6	3.6
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP	5.0	8.2	8.3	2.6	6.1	6.5
OTHER DURABLE GOODS	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.4	3.4	3.4
NONDURABLE GOODS	51.3	51.1	51.1	51.5	51.6	51.2
FOOD & KINDRED	10.1	10.1	10.0	10.0	10.4	10.1
TEXTILE & APPAREL	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.4
PAPER & ALLIED PROD	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.6	2.6	2.6
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	2.9	2.8	2.8	2.7	2.6	2.7
CHEMICALS	30.8	30.6	30.8	31.3	31.0	30.9
RUBBER & PLASTICS	2.8	2.8	2.9	2.7	2.7	2.7
OTHER NONDURABLE GOODS	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9
NONMANUFACTURING	250.0	247.7	248.4	240.8	240.3	238.2
MINING	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	19.9	19.9	19.7	20.6	20.1	19.9
GENERAL BLDG CONT	5.0	5.1	4.9	5.5	5.1	5.1
HEAVY CONST. CONT	3.1	3.0	3.0	3.1	3.1	3.2
SPECIAL TRADE CONT.	11.8	11.8	11.8	12.0	11.9	11.7
TRANS., COMM., & PUB UTILITIES	12.6	12.6	12.8	12.2	12.0	12.6
LOCAL & INTERURBAN PASS	1.0	1.0	1.3	1.1	1.1	1.7
TRUCKING & WAREHOUSING	4.2	4.1	4.1	3.9	3.7	3.7
COMMUNICATION	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.7	1.7	1.7
ELECTRIC GAS & SAN SERVICE	2.8	2.8	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7
OTHER TRANSPORTATION	2.6	2.6	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	72.8	72.6	71.8	70.1	70.3	69.4
WHOLESALE TRADE	11.7	11.9	11.9	11.1	11.2	11.2
WHOLESALE-DURABLE	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.5	6.5	6.4
WHOLESALE-NONDURABLE	5.1	5.2	5.2	4.6	4.8	4.7
RETAIL TRADE	61.1	60.7	59.9	59.4	59.0	58.3
BLDG MATERIAL & GARDEN SUP	2.4	2.4	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.2
GENERAL MERCH STORES	8.9	9.0	8.9	8.9	8.7	8.8
FOOD STORES	9.7	9.8	9.9	9.6	9.7	9.6
AUTO DEALERS & SERVICE STATIONS	5.9	6.0	6.1	6.0	6.0	6.1
APPAREL & ACCESSORY STORES	2.9	2.9	2.8	2.9	2.9	2.9
FURNITURE & HOME FURNISHINGS	3.1	3.2	3.2	2.7	2.7	2.7
EATING & DRINKING PLACES	19.4	18.8	18.0	19.4	19.3	18.4
MISCELLANEOUS RETAIL	8.7	8.7	8.6	7.5	7.6	7.5
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	25.4	25.5	25.3	23.5	23.6	23.5
BANKING	14.2	14.1	14.0	12.6	12.6	12.6
FINANCE, EXCLUDING BANKS	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.2	2.1
INSURANCE CARRIERS, AGTS & BROKERS	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.8	4.9	5.0
REAL ESTATE	4.2	4.3	4.2	4.0	3.9	3.8
SERVICES	72.5	72.4	72.1	68.1	68.8	68.5
PERSONAL SERVICES	3.0	2.9	3.1	2.8	2.8	2.8
BUSINESS SERVICES	20.1	20.2	20.0	17.5	18.1	18.2
AUTOMOBILE & MISC. REPAIR	2.8	2.9	2.9	2.7	2.8	2.8
AMUSEMENT & RECREATION SERVICES	4.3	4.3	4.0	3.7	3.6	3.1
HEALTH SERVICES	18.7	18.8	18.6	18.2	18.3	18.3
LEGAL SERVICES	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.1
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	3.4	3.4	3.8	3.2	3.2	3.6
SOCIAL SERVICES	5.3	5.3	5.2	5.1	5.1	5.1
OTHER SERVICES	12.5	12.5	12.4	12.9	12.8	12.5
GOVERNMENT	46.7	44.7	46.6	45.9	45.5	44.2
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	6.2	6.1	6.1	6.0	6.0	5.9
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	40.5	38.6	40.5	39.9	39.5	38.3
STATE GOVERNMENT	22.3	20.8	23.3	20.8	20.7	20.9
STATE EDUCATION	8.7	7.0	9.6	7.1	7.0	7.4
STATE NON-EDUCATION	13.6	13.8	13.7	13.6	13.7	13.5
LOCAL GOVERNMENT	18.0	17.8	17.2	19.1	18.8	17.4
LOCAL EDUCATION	12.2	12.1	12.6	12.3	12.2	12.7
LOCAL NON-EDUCATION	5.8	5.7	4.6	6.8	6.7	4.7
PERSONS INVOLVED IN WORK STOPPAGES	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1

WILMINGTON PMSA- NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY SELECTED INDUSTRY- BY PLACE OF WORK
(IN THOUSANDS)

TABLE-2A INDUSTRY GROUP	1987 JUL	1987 AUG	1987 SEP	1986 JUL	1986 AUG	1986 SEP
TOTAL NONAG. WAGE & SALARY	270.5	271.9	273.7	260.1	262.9	263.5
MANUFACTURING	55.4	58.7	58.9	54.3	57.6	58.0
DURABLE GOODS	13.8	17.2	17.3	11.9	15.7	16.2
PRIMARY & FABRICATED METALS	2.4	2.5	2.5	3.2	3.2	3.2
MACHINERY	3.5	3.7	3.7	3.6	3.9	3.9
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP	5.1	8.3	8.3	2.6	6.1	6.7
OTHER DURABLE GOODS	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.4	2.5	2.5
NONDURABLE GOODS	41.6	41.4	41.7	42.4	41.9	41.8
FOOD & KINDRED	0.9	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.0
TEXTILE & APPAREL	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.0
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	2.5	2.4	2.3	2.2	2.1	2.2
CHEMICALS	32.4	32.3	32.5	33.3	32.9	32.8
RUBBER & PLASTICS	3.2	3.2	3.3	3.3	3.2	3.2
OTHER NONDURABLE GOODS	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.6	1.6
NONMANUFACTURING	215.1	213.2	214.8	205.8	205.2	205.5
MINING	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	18.3	18.4	18.3	19.2	19.2	19.0
GENERAL BLDG. CONT.	3.7	3.8	3.7	3.8	3.9	3.8
HEAVY CONST. CONT.	4.1	4.0	3.9	5.3	5.2	5.2
SPECIAL TRADE CONT.	10.4	10.6	10.7	10.2	10.2	10.0
TRANS., COMM., & PUB. UTILITIES	13.9	13.8	14.0	13.4	13.1	13.5
LOCAL & INTERURBAN PASS.	1.0	1.0	1.1	0.9	0.9	1.4
TRUCKING & WAREHOUSING	4.3	4.2	4.3	3.9	3.7	3.7
COMMUNICATION	1.5	1.6	1.6	1.4	1.4	1.4
ELECTRIC GAS & SAN. SERVICE	4.7	4.7	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.5
OTHER TRANSPORTATION	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.6	2.6	2.5
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	58.7	58.7	58.0	55.7	55.5	56.1
WHOLESALE TRADE	10.0	10.0	10.0	9.5	9.5	9.4
WHOLESALE-DURABLE	5.8	5.8	5.8	5.6	5.6	5.5
WHOLESALE-NONDURABLE	4.2	4.2	4.2	3.9	4.0	3.9
RETAIL TRADE	48.7	48.7	48.0	46.2	45.9	46.6
BLDG. MATERIAL & GARDEN SUP.	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.5	1.5	1.5
GENERAL MERCH. STORES	7.5	7.4	7.3	7.1	7.0	7.1
FOOD STORES	8.4	8.4	8.2	7.8	7.9	8.2
AUTO DEALERS & SERVICE STATIONS	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.3	5.3	5.4
APPAREL & ACCESSORY STORES	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.2	2.2
FURNITURE & HOME FURNISHINGS	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.0	2.0	2.1
EATING & DRINKING PLACES	14.3	14.2	13.9	14.2	14.0	14.0
MISCELLANEOUS RETAIL	7.0	7.1	7.0	6.2	6.0	6.3
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	23.4	23.5	23.2	21.2	21.3	21.5
BANKING	13.0	13.0	12.9	11.3	11.3	11.4
FINANCE, EXCLUDING BANKS	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.0	2.0	2.0
INSURANCE CARRIERS, AGTS. & BROKERS	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.4	4.5	4.6
REAL ESTATE	3.7	3.8	3.7	3.4	3.4	3.4
SERVICES	64.0	64.1	64.2	60.2	60.5	60.4
PERSONAL SERVICES	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.2	2.2	2.2
BUSINESS SERVICES	18.4	18.6	18.5	16.3	16.6	17.0
AUTOMOBILE & MISC. REPAIR	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.4
AMUSEMENT & RECREATION SERVICES	3.4	3.4	3.5	2.9	2.9	2.4
HEALTH SERVICES	16.9	16.9	16.8	16.7	16.7	16.7
LEGAL SERVICES	2.2	2.1	2.1	1.9	1.9	1.9
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	3.3	3.2	3.7	3.2	3.2	3.5
SOCIAL SERVICES	4.2	4.3	4.2	4.0	4.1	4.0
OTHER SERVICES	10.8	10.7	10.6	10.6	10.5	10.3
GOVERNMENT	36.5	34.5	36.9	36.0	35.4	34.8
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.8	4.8	4.8
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	31.7	29.6	32.1	31.2	30.6	30.1
STATE GOVERNMENT	14.3	12.6	15.1	12.8	12.7	13.0
STATE EDUCATION	7.6	5.8	8.5	6.0	5.9	6.3
STATE NON-EDUCATION	6.8	6.8	6.6	6.8	6.8	6.6
LOCAL GOVERNMENT	17.4	17.0	17.0	18.3	17.9	17.1
LOCAL EDUCATION	10.8	10.7	11.1	11.3	11.1	11.6
LOCAL NON-EDUCATION	6.6	6.4	5.8	7.1	6.8	5.5
PERSONS INVOLVED IN WORK STOPPAGES	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1

AVERAGE HOURLY AND WEEKLY EARNINGS AND HOURS WORKED BY PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY GROUPS

TABLE-3

DELAWARE *

	WEEKLY EARNINGS			WEEKLY HOURS			HOURLY EARNINGS		
	JUL	AUG	SEP	JUL	AUG	SEP	JUL	AUG	SEP
				1987					
MANUFACTURING	$ 409.94	$ 428.81	$ 421.13	39.8	40.8	38.6	$ 10.30	$ 10.51	$ 10.91
DURABLE GOODS	471.63	480.39	445.56	39.8	39.8	34.3	11.85	12.07	12.99
PRIMARY & FAB. METALS	361.17	380.56	343.88	38.3	39.6	37.5	9.43	9.61	9.17
MACHINERY	452.13	475.20	475.76	43.6	45.3	42.9	10.37	10.49	11.09
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	653.88	579.10	547.25	38.6	38.3	31.2	16.94	15.12	17.54
NONDURABLE GOODS	377.15	393.42	403.79	39.7	41.5	41.8	9.50	9.48	9.66
FOOD & KINDRED	302.09	293.13	302.89	41.1	40.6	42.6	7.35	7.22	7.11
TEXTILE & APPAREL	253.40	290.50	293.94	36.2	40.8	40.6	7.00	7.12	7.24
PAPER & ALLIED PRED	303.88	460.02	376.94	28.4	45.1	37.1	10.70	10.20	10.16
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	353.65	356.76	351.91	35.4	36.0	35.8	9.99	9.91	9.83
CHEMICALS	572.54	577.23	624.91	42.6	42.6	43.7	13.44	13.55	14.30
RUBBER & PLASTICS	448.16	463.05	468.50	42.2	44.1	43.1	10.62	10.50	10.87
				1986					
MANUFACTURING	$ 384.40	$ 399.00	$ 409.77	40.0	40.1	41.1	$ 9.61	$ 9.95	$ 9.97
DURABLE GOODS	412.09	434.79	459.00	39.7	39.1	40.8	10.38	11.12	11.25
PRIMARY & FAB. METALS	387.77	407.21	421.29	40.1	43.0	44.3	9.67	9.47	9.51
MACHINERY	442.29	436.69	434.85	38.9	39.2	39.0	11.37	11.14	11.15
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	643.59	522.34	567.42	39.9	36.4	40.3	16.13	14.35	14.08
NONDURABLE GOODS	372.93	378.51	378.22	40.1	40.7	41.2	9.30	9.30	9.18
FOOD & KINDRED	280.57	272.00	284.43	41.2	40.0	42.2	6.81	6.80	6.74
TEXTILE & APPAREL	197.78	253.44	241.23	31.9	39.8	37.4	6.20	6.40	6.45
PAPER & ALLIED PRED	368.81	422.06	361.50	36.3	41.5	36.7	10.16	10.17	9.85
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	316.71	340.94	340.36	34.5	36.7	38.2	9.18	9.29	8.91
CHEMICALS	551.88	568.46	554.76	42.0	43.0	41.9	13.14	13.22	13.24
RUBBER & PLASTICS	432.14	425.80	433.93	41.0	41.1	42.5	10.54	10.36	10.21

* COVERS AN ESTIMATED 34,000 PRODUCTON WORKERS

WILMINGTON PRIMARY METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (PMSA) **

	WEEKLY EARNINGS			WEEKLY HOURS			HOURLY EARNINGS		
	JUL	AUG	SEP	JUL	AUG	SEP	JUL	AUG	SEP
				1987					
MANUFACTURING	$ 501.74	$ 507.50	$ 504.79	40.3	40.6	38.3	$ 12.45	12.50	$ 13.18
DURABLE GOODS	515.59	510.34	492.80	39.6	39.5	35.0	13.02	12.92	14.08
PRIMARY & FAB. METALS	339.58	361.95	330.00	37.9	39.3	37.5	8.96	9.21	8.80
MACHINERY	390.44	420.60	425.46	39.8	42.7	40.1	9.81	9.85	10.61
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	650.11	574.94	541.68	38.4	38.0	30.9	16.93	15.13	17.53
NONDURABLE GOODS	488.31	503.16	519.35	41.0	42.0	42.5	11.91	11.98	12.22
FOOD & KINDRED	291.03	293.70	338.85	44.5	44.5	53.7	6.54	6.60	6.31
TEXTILE & APPAREL	285.98	326.09	322.77	36.9	41.7	40.6	7.75	7.82	7.95
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	388.06	386.26	383.99	35.7	35.6	35.1	10.87	10.85	10.94
CHEMICALS	666.60	671.39	712.77	44.0	42.9	44.8	15.15	15.65	15.91
RUBBER & PLASTICS	449.76	457.53	463.10	41.3	42.8	42.1	10.89	10.69	11.00
				1986					
MANUFACTURING	$ 462.56	$ 490.85	$ 494.84	39.3	40.6	41.1	$ 11.77	$ 12.09	$ 12.04
DURABLE GOODS	460.98	471.69	500.20	39.0	38.6	41.0	11.82	12.22	12.20
PRIMARY & FAB. METALS	381.90	403.56	419.33	40.2	43.3	44.8	9.50	9.32	9.36
MACHINERY	431.20	426.69	430.39	38.5	38.2	38.6	11.20	11.17	11.15
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	638.38	521.25	565.21	39.7	36.4	40.2	16.08	14.32	14.06
NONDURABLE GOODS	464.90	510.69	489.04	39.6	42.7	41.2	11.74	11.96	11.87
FOOD & KINDRED	252.14	260.15	257.30	41.2	42.3	41.5	6.12	6.15	6.20
TEXTILE & APPAREL	215.63	284.48	265.17	29.1	38.6	37.4	7.41	7.37	7.09
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	369.15	402.54	413.92	34.5	37.1	39.8	10.70	10.85	10.40
CHEMICALS	624.75	706.92	656.55	42.5	46.6	42.6	14.70	15.17	15.34
RUBBER & PLASTICS	405.60	403.61	415.74	39.0	39.3	41.0	10.40	10.27	10.14

** COVERS AN ESTIMATED 23,000 PRODUCTON WORKERS

NOTE: MOST RECENT MONTH IS PRELIMINIARY DATA

NUMBER AND AMOUNT OF UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION PAYMENTS FOR REGULAR U.I. PROGRAM BY AREA/LOCAL OFFICE

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AREA AND OFFICE	JUL	AUG	SEP	JUL	AUG	SEP
	WEEKS COMPENSATED			AMT. OF PAYMENT (000')		
STATE TOTALS *	20,302	11,126	8,889	3,062,315	1,349,431	1,089,919
NEW CASTLE COUNTY/	14,533	6,349	4,832	2,303,158	755,271	589,297
WILMINGTON L.O.	11,445	4,048	3,054	1,912,306	482,482	368,993
NEWARK L.O.	3,088	2,301	1,778	390,852	272,789	220,304
KENT COUNTY/ DOVER L.O.	2,085	1,998	1,737	227,688	217,675	185,495
SUSSEX COUNTY/ GEORGETOWN L.O.	1,268	1,094	890	158,422	128,035	104,907
	AVERAGE WEEKLY BENEFIT AMOUNT			NUMBER OF U.I. FIRST PAYMENTS		
STATE TOTALS *	156	127	128	4,195	699	510
NEW CASTLE COUNTY/	164	125	129	3,809	393	280
WILMINGTON L.O.	172	125	127	3,548	238	164
NEWARK L.O.	132	124	132	261	155	116
KENT COUNTY/ DOVER L.O.	113	113	110	149	137	98
SUSSEX COUNTY/ GEORGETOWN L.O.	134	128	124	108	94	61

* INCLUDES INTERSTATE LIABLE PAYMENTS WHICH ARE NOT AGGREGATED IN THE AREA/LOCAL OFFICE TOTALS

SOURCE: DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE AUTOMATED DATA SYSTEM

DELAWARE U.I. REGULAR CONTINUED CLAIM COUNTS

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	1987			1986		
	FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 12TH OF					
	JUL	AUG	SEP	JUL	AUG	SEP
TOTAL COUNT	6,300	2,900	2,200	10,600	6,700	3,200
NUMBER OF AUTO INDUSTRY	3,200	0	0	6,800	3,200	300
TOTAL LESS AUTO INDUSTRY	3,100	2,900	2,200	3,800	3,500	2,900
	FOR THE MONTHS OF					
	JUL	AUG	SEP	JUL	AUG	SEP
TOTAL COUNT	20,800	12,200	9,500	45,100	31,300	14,000
NUMBER OF AUTO INDUSTRY	6,800	100	0	28,100	16,400	2,100
TOTAL LESS AUTO INDUSTRY	14,000	12,100	9,500	17,000	14,900	11,900

NOTE: DETAIL MAY NOT ADD TO TOTALS DUE TO ROUNDING

SOURCE: DERIVED FROM WEEKLY LOCAL OFFICE REPORTS OF U.I. CLAIMS-TAKING ACTIVITIES

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX AND PERCENT CHANGES FOR ALL URBAN CONSUMERS PHILADELPHIA AREA

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EXPENDITURE CATEGORY	1987 JUL	1987 AUG	1987 SEP	1986 JUL	1986 AUG	1986 SEP
ALL ITEMS	339.1	342.2	342.8	323.0	323.1	325.8
FOOD & BEVERAGES	327.3	328.3	328.3	314.1	316.1	318.7
HOUSING	359.4	363.1	361.5	340.1	341.3	343.7
APPAREL & UPKEEP	184.4	199.4	201.3	181.9	184.6	189.4
TRANSPORTATION	343.9	343.3	344.9	327.6	321.2	322.0
MEDICAL	501.3	501.2	506.0	477.2	479.7	482.4
ENTERTAINMENT	262.1	260.9	262.3	257.1	256.8	258.6
OTHER GOODS & SERVICES	396.6	396.4	406.6	371.4	371.8	380.8
	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS MONTH AND YEAR AGO					
ALL ITEMS						
MONTHLY	0.0	0.9	0.2	0.4	0.0	0.8
YEARLY	5.0	5.9	5.2	2.4	2.3	2.9
	UNITED STATES					
ALL ITEMS						
INDEX	340.8	342.7	344.4	328.0	328.6	330.2
MO. CHANGE (%)	0.2	0.6	0.5	0.0	0.2	0.5
YR. CHANGE (%)	3.9	4.3	4.3	1.6	1.6	1.8

SOURCE: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

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HIGHLIGHTS

Delaware's pre-benchmarked **unemployment rates** averaged 3.1 percent for 1987, the lowest unemployment rate for the State since 1969.

The Philadelphia Area **Consumer Price Index** increased 5.6 percent in December from December of 1986.

New Castle County Council rezoned property in the U.S. 40 corridor allowing development of a 1,600-unit mobile home park.

University of Delaware sold land near Christiana Hospital for $18.5 million; future development plans are not known at this time.

L. H. Chang gained agreement to purchase **Phoenix Steel** for $13 million in December. Pending Bankruptcy Court approval of the sale, Chang plans to reopen the mill in 1988.

Dover Air Force Base was awarded over $5 million in U. S. Senate appropriations for capital improvement projects.

General Foods USA reduced staff by 50 persons in November and shifts two product lines from Dover to Chicago.

ISTI Delaware, Inc. has received $3.5 million from the Insurance Commissioner's Economic Development Fund to renovate the Doxee clam plant and produce desalinization equipment.

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT

BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE

TABLE 1

(IN THOUSANDS)

AREA	YEAR	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		
		OCT	NOV	DEC*	OCT	NOV	DEC*	OCT	NOV	DEC*	OCT	NOV	DEC*
DELAWARE, SEASONALLY ADJ.	1987	329.7	330.8	335.6	318.6	319.9	325.0	11.1	11.0	10.6	3.4	3.3	3.2
	1986	327.5	329.8	332.8	314.7	317.1	319.6	12.8	12.8	13.2	3.9	3.9	4.0
DELAWARE, UNADJUSTED	1987	330.8	331.6	333.4	321.5	321.8	323.7	9.4	9.8	9.7	2.8	3.0	2.9
	1986	328.4	330.1	330.4	317.6	318.7	318.3	10.9	11.5	12.1	3.3	3.5	3.7
WILMINGTON PMSA, UNADJUSTED	1987	286.6	288.8	291.4	277.8	279.7	282.4	8.8	9.1	9.0	3.1	3.1	3.1
	1986	285.1	287.6	289.7	274.0	276.4	277.8	11.1	11.2	11.8	3.9	3.9	4.1
UNITED STATES, SEASON. ADJ.**	1987	120,387.0	120,594.0	120,722.0	113,210.0	113,504.0	113,744.0	7,177.0	7,090.0	6,978.0	6.0	5.9	5.8
	1986	118,414.0	118,675.0	118,576.0	110,192.0	110,432.0	110,657.0	8,222.0	8,243.0	7,919.0	6.9	6.9	6.7
SURROUNDING STATES:													
NEW JERSEY, SEASONALLY ADJ.**	1987	3,965.0	3,985.0	3,996.0	3,812.0	3,843.0	3,839.0	153.0	142.0	157.0	3.9	3.6	3.9
	1986	3,900.0	3,914.0	3,876.0	3,727.0	3,737.0	3,674.0	173.0	177.0	202.0	4.4	4.5	5.2
NEW YORK, SEASONALLY ADJ.**	1987	8,480.0	8,584.0	8,521.0	8,057.0	8,134.0	8,135.0	423.0	450.0	386.0	5.0	5.2	4.5
	1986	8,423.0	8,378.0	8,387.0	7,921.0	7,895.0	7,907.0	502.0	483.0	480.0	6.0	5.8	5.7
PENNSYLVANIA, SEASON. ADJ.**	1987	5,738.0	5,687.0	5,793.0	5,400.0	5,372.0	5,463.0	338.0	315.0	330.0	5.9	5.5	5.7
	1986	5,528.0	5,557.0	5,597.0	5,229.0	5,212.0	5,244.0	299.0	345.0	353.0	5.4	6.2	6.3
MARYLAND, UNADJUSTED	1987	2,403.6	2,404.9	2,416.1	2,306.4	2,305.2	2,314.9	97.2	99.7	101.2	4.0	4.1	4.2
	1986	2,388.6	2,384.7	2,385.3	2,293.0	2,289.5	2,286.1	95.6	95.2	99.3	4.0	4.0	4.2

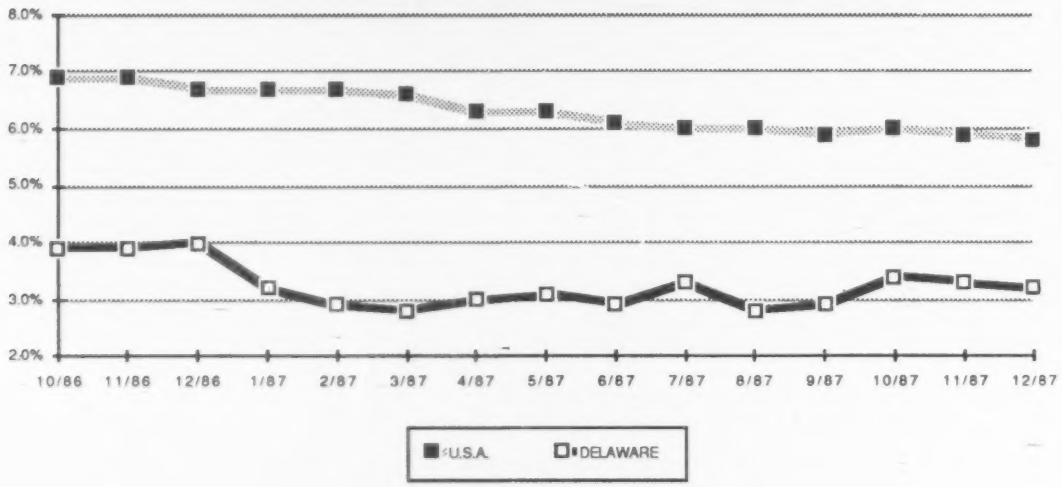
* PRELIMINARY

** U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

LABOR FORCE DEVELOPMENTS (TABLE 1)

Delaware's seasonally adjusted unemployment rates rose in October to 3.4 percent, then declined slightly to 3.3 percent in November, and declined slightly again in December to 3.2 percent. Pre-benchmarked data for 1987 averaged 3.1 percent. This is the lowest annual average unemployment rate for the State since 1969. Delaware maintained the third lowest unemployment rate in the nation for the quarter.

U.S.A AND DELAWARE UNEMPLOYMENT RATES, OCT.86-DEC. 87



NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (TABLE 2 & 2A)

Total State nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased from September levels throughout the quarter finishing December at 323,900, an all-time high. Seasonal increases occurred in Retail Trade (especially general merchandise stores and miscellaneous retail stores); Government (primarily in State and Local Education); and the Durable Goods Manufacturing Sector (transportation equipment).

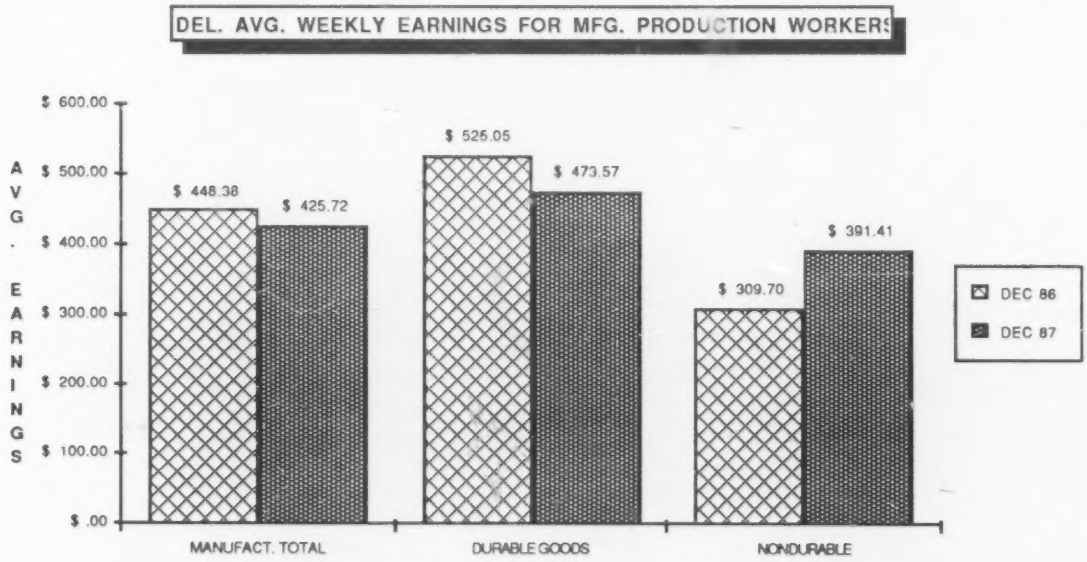
The Wilmington PMSA, averaging employment of 279,200 over the quarter, experienced the same movement as Statewide.

HOURS AND EARNINGS (TABLE 3)

Average weekly earnings of manufacturing production workers in Delaware increased from September to October ($425.73 to $455.54); decreased in November to $427.57; and then decreased again slightly to $425.72 in December. Average weekly earnings for manufacturing production workers in December were down 5.1% from September of 1986. Weekly Average Wages in Durable Goods ended the quarter lower than in 1986, probably due to the closing of Phoenix Steel and less overtime in Transportation Equipment.

Weekly hours for the Quarter averaged 40.0 hours, lower than in the fourth quarter of 1986 (41.7 hours). Hourly wages were higher than in 1986 by 20 cents on average and showed steady growth through each month of the quarter. The $10.59 December average for hourly earnings was one cent lower than a year ago.

Wilmington PMSA average weekly earnings in December were 528.90, down 0.4% from a year ago. Chemicals hourly earnings ($17.05) were up significantly from year ago and third quarter levels.



UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (TABLES 4 & 5)

Total weeks of regular UI **benefits** compensated during the third quarter of 1987 totaled 40,317 with a benefit amount of $5,501,665 paid.

The average size of payment for UI regular unemployment decreased slightly to $137. Continued claim counts registered 42,500 during the quarter, which compared favorably to the 90,400 claimants during the third quarter of 1986.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (TABLE 6)

The Philadelphia Area Consumer Price Index rose slightly in the fourth quarter, registering 343.5 in December, a 0.2% increase over September's index. Over the quarter increases in food and beverages, medical care and transportation costs were slightly larger than decreases experienced in housing, entertainment, and apparel and upkeep.

Nationally, the December index registered 345.7, for a gain of 0.4 percent over the September index and a 5.6 percent increase over the year.

NATIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

A University of Michigan survey reported that **consumer confidence** deteriorated in October as a result of the October 19 stock market collapse.

The Commerce Department reported **sales of single-family houses** in October fell to a seasonally-adjusted annual rate of 657,000 from 667,000 in September. Department spokesmen indicated the 1.5% decrease was statistically insignificant.

Housing starts in November rose to a seasonally-adjusted rate of 1,637,000 units from a revised 1,523,000 units in October, the Commerce Dept.

reports. The November report pleased housing economists. Lyle Gramley of the Mortgage Bankers Association, said " The stability in single-family starts and in single-family building permits indicates that the housing market hasn't had any big effect from the stock-market decline." Overall 1987 hasn't been as good for the housing industry as 1986. Units constructed for the first eleven months of 1987 are 9.4% fewer than the 1,698,000 units of the 1986's first eleven months.

The Conference Board reported that **help-wanted advertising** rose in October despite turmoil in the financial markets. The boards seasonally-adjusted help-wanted index rose four points to 163, putting it 34 points above the year-earlier level. Kenneth Goldstein, an economist for the Conference Board, said the October stock market crash "will adversely affect attitudes and expectations, spelling an end to improving labor market conditions." November's index fell three points to 160, still 17 points above last year's November index.

The Federal Reserve Board reported **industry output increased** 0.4% in November. Broad strength was shown in all sectors of the economy except for automobiles. Automobile assembly slipped in November to a annual rate of 7.1 million units, down from a 7.3 million pace in October.

AREA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Thirteen communities on **Maryland's Eastern Shore** were recipients of over $2.3 million dollars in federal block grant allocations in October. In this first year of state administration of the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program, $857,000 in funds were awarded to Denton, Chestertown, and Salisbury for infrastructure improvements, and $1,421,366 was awarded to seven other Eastern Shore communities for housing improvements.

Boeing Helicopter Company of Philadelphia was awarded an $81.8 million contract from the U.S. Army Aviation Systems Command for the development of a prototype helicopter to be used under adverse weather conditions and over all types of terrain.

In November **Boeing Heli-**

copter Company announced it is laying off 200 workers in the V-22 Tilt Rotor Program. Boeing has completed most of the design work and needs people with different skills as it moves into testing and production phases of the project. Fewer than 600 of the company's 6,800 workers live in Delaware, but the company has said it intends to hire several hundred at its flight-test site south of Wilmington.

Development along Maryland 279 at the **Interstate 95-Elkton interchange** has been booming. A McDonald's was completed in July, and work was underway on the Elkton Lodge and Knights Inn Motels. The City of Elkton expects to complete construction of a water tank to serve the area in the spring.

Edlon Products Inc. of Avondale has begun making new protective Teflon sleeves used in pulp and paper and textile industries. Edlon spent $2 million over 2 years to develop the new adhesive used on the sleeves and expects to add a second shift to handle the increased production.

In November workers at **Scott Paper's Chester Plant** returned to their jobs following a four-week strike. The newly-signed contract provides a 2 percent wage increase in each of the next three years, a $750 signing bonus, and a 25 cents-per-hour wage adjustment.

Pepsi Cola Bottling Co. of Wilmington will join with franchises from Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Virginia to build a $27 million production plant in Oxford, Pa. The 20-to-25 production workers at the Wilmington plant will be offered jobs at the new site. The Oxford plant is to employ about 100 workers. Construction is scheduled to begin in April, with completion in December of 1988.

STATEWIDE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Secretary of State Michael Harkins reported eleven companies based in Taiwan and Hong Kong are planning to **reincorporate in Delaware** within the next year. In addition to the $1 million in incorporation fees, these firms are expected to establish Delaware holding companies in anticipation of the 1997 expiration of the Hong Kong land lease with China.

In January the State Legislature passed a bill to deter

hostile **corporate takeovers**. The bill requires hostile takeover acquirers to wait three years after they launch a bid before merging. During this time, a buyer would have to operate the target company as an independent unit except under certain conditions.

State Bank Commissioner John E. Malarkey approved the application of **Delaware Trust Co.** to merge with **Meridian Bancorp, Inc.** of Reading, Pa The merger will be the first under Delaware's interstate banking law, which went into effect on January 1, 1988.

NEW CASTLE COUNTY

Plans are underway for the **YWCA** building on King Street to be converted into a luxury suite hotel. City systems Inc. plans an $8-10 million conversion project to begin in June. A new YWCA building is planned for the 200 block of King Street. The hotel will have 60 two-room suites; the swimming pool and locker rooms will be redesigned as a wellness center for guests and residents of other City Systems developments.

In November the **Delaware Development Office** requested $850,000 for next year's state bond bill to renovate space at the Medical Center of Delaware's **Christiana Hospital** for drug companies to test new drugs. The Hospital would donate 6,000 square feet, valued at $1.8 million, for the testing center, and pharmaceutical and chemical company users would provide $500,000 to pay yearly operating costs.

Construction is expected to start in January on a series of six **nature trails and pathways** in Wilmington. The total project costs are expected to be between $5.6 and 7 million, with annual maintenance costs estimated at $580,000.

Voters in the **Brandywine School District** approved a 16% increase in school taxes. Brandywine became the second district in New Castle County to win a tax increase since court-ordered desegregation began in 1978. The district expects to gain about $2.5 million a year for salary increases, textbooks, other instructional materials, and building repairs.

Brookrock Corp., a developer of intelligent controllers for

laser printers, announced in November its intention to expand its headquarters on 2055 Limestone Rd. The company, formed in 1985, is expanding due to success in marketing of remanufactured toner cartridges. Its 5,000-square-foot facility will produce up to 15,000 toner cartridges per month. Brookrock's staff consists primarily of handicapped workers.

First State Plaza, a new center on Delaware 4, one mile west of Delaware 141, formally opened in November. The $15 million, 180,000 square-foot project has a Shop Rite Supermarket, an O'Toole's Restaurant, and eight other retail outlets as current tenants. Plans call for a Bonanza Restaurant opening in early 1988.

In early November the **Newark Community Cooperative**, a food co-op, moved to a larger location near 280 Main St. in Newark. The Co-op has had exceptional growth in sales over the past few years. In 1981 annual sales were $387,214; this year's sales are expected to exceed $800,000.

Two adjacent shopping center plans were given approval in November by the New Castle County Planning Board. The proposed centers at the Delaware 2 and Delaware 4 intersection in **Ogletown** would include 150,000 square feet of shopping space and 80 condominium units. Construction will not be permitted to begin until road improvements planned for the intersection are completed.

New Castle County Board of Adjustments approved a 218-unit townhouse **retirement community development** on the former Pleasant Hill Drive-In Theater on Newport-Christiana Pike. Michael Poppitti, attorney for Delaware Valley Developers, Inc., indicated units would sell for $52,000 to $100,000.

New Castle County Council voted to rezone a 175-acre former gravel pit near Glasgow for use as an 870-unit mobile home park. Altogether, 333 acres off U.S. 40 and Porter Road are now planned for development as a Mobile home park by the developers, **Southwest Forty Inc.** Total units planned for the site are 1,600. Density is being restricted to fewer than five homes per acre, and construction will be limited to 400 homes per year.

Developments in and around **Bear and Glasgow** on U.S. 40 are setting the tone for future

development in this part of New Castle County, according to Wayne Grafton, Director of New Castle County Development. Ernest F. Delle Donne has plans to build 300,000 square feet of commercial space and 300,000 square feet of office space, along with 312 apartments and 64 townhouses at **Governor's Square** in the Bear area. Robert C. Peoples has completed 40 percent of the **Peoples Plaza Shopping Center** at Glasgow and already has 45 to 50 tenants. When completed, the Center will have 438,000 square feet.

The **Little Falls Centre Office Complex**, at Lancaster Pike and Centreville Road, became the home for 175 employees of **Himont, Inc.** in late December. Himont will occupy 80,000 square feet of Three Little Falls Center. Another Hercules spin-off company, **Aqualon Group**, has signed a lease for 50,000 square feet of the Little Falls One building and plans to move in January. Linpro Co., the office complex developer, has no immediate plans to construct any additional buildings at the site, other than the third 100,000 square-foot building which is currently being erected.

The **University of Delaware** sold 217 acres adjoining Christiana Hospital to **Bellvue Properties**, a joint venture in which the principals are Bell Atlantic Properties Inc., Bellevue Holding Co., and Ernest DiSabatino & Sons, Inc. The purchase price was $18.5 million. The parcel is currently zoned for a diversified planned unit development and could be developed for a variety of uses, according to Thomas Healy of Bellevue Holding Company.

In late December, **New Castle County Council** tabled four rezoning requests and effectively placed a **moratorium** on rezonings until the Governor's Quality of Life Legislation Package, H.B.302, is passed by the State Legislature. Representatives of developers indicated the State's failure to provide adequate road capacity was more the problem the county faced than the quality of life legislation issues.

In December officials of **Phoenix Steel Corp**. agreed to the sale of the company to L. H. Chang's **Wai Hing and Co.** for $13 million. Pending approval of the offer by Bankruptcy Court, Chang indicated he would reopen the Claymont mill within four

months and could employ 400 to 500 persons within a year.

Construction of **Brandywine Plaza III**, a sister building to the Core States Bank of Delaware Building, is over 60% complete. The new 57,000-square-foot building is expected to be ready for occupancy by June. **Core-States Bank of Delaware** is expected to use 19,000 square feet in the new building.

Special Care Registry, cited by Inc. Magazine as the fastest growing private company in the Philadelphia area, has opened a branch office in Wilmington. The company will provide in-home services, ranging from nurse's aides to homemakers.

Bonnie Sherr, of **City Systems, Inc.**, announced in January the purchase of a parcel at North Franklin and Harrison Streets in Wilmington for $1.9 million. City Systems intends to build 42 townhouses on the site. Construction of the $6.5 to $7 million project is expected to begin in February.

Colonial Penn Group, Inc., a Philadelphia life insurance company, announced in January that it plans to move its recently acquired MONY Pension Inc. subsidiary to offices in the Bellevue Office Park in Brandywine Hundred. The new company, which will be called **Colonial Penn Annuity and Life Insurance Co.**, sells interest-sensitive life insurance and will start with 12 to 18 employees.

The **Port of Wilmington** signed a five-year contract with **Chiquita Banana**, making it the largest banana handling port in the world, according to Kenneth Mack, Port Director. The port also has contracts with Dole and Delmonte.

In February, **One Riverwalk Centre**, the first new office building in the Christiana Gateway, was completed. The $4.8 million building will house the advertising and public relations firm of Aloysious, Butler and Clark.

KENT COUNTY

In October, Kent County Levy Court approved a request from LeRoy Klein, Manager of the **Industrial Park Development Authority**, for $35,000 in cash and permission to borrow up to $277,000 on county credit. Klein had asked for $108,000 over three years to help market the 115-acre

industrial park site on Horsepond Road.

Holden and Mundy Inc., a Dover Dodge dealership, announced plans to spend $98,000 to renovate the service and parts department. Tappahanna Development will be the project contractor.

American Telephone and Telegraph will open service centers at Wise True Value Hardware store in Rodney Village in October and at Taylor's Hardware Co. in Harrington in November.

In October, the U. S. Senate approved its annual Military Construction Appropriations bill including more than $5 million for three projects at **Dover Air Force Base.** The three projects include: a $2.75 million civil engineering administration facility; a $2.3 million complex to handle explosives delivered to the base for air transport; and an $815,000 air force reserve civil engineering training facility. The package also includes two projects to be built off the base grounds: $550,000 for an Army National Guard maintenance shop in Seaford, and $259,000 for a combat pistol range for the Guard's center in Bethany Beach.

In November **General Foods USA** announced it is eliminating about 50 salaried jobs at its Dover plant "to reduce operating costs and make the company more competitive." A factor in this reduction was the transfer of Shake 'n' Bake seasoning mixes and Log Cabin syrup production from the Dover plant to Chicago. Retirement incentives are being offered for employees 50 years old or over with ten years of service.

Construction is underway on a 121-home development off Dennys Road in Northeast Dover. The development, called **Sheffield Farms,** will consist of single-family homes selling between $90,000 and $120,000. DeGior Builders is doing the construction for developers Joseph A. Giordano and Lauren D. Michael.

Investors Insurance Corp., a subsidiary of Corporate Life Insurance Co., announced in November it was moving its home office from Portland, Oregon to the Dover area. Officials indicated the operation would initially employ only a handful of workers, possibly growing to 30-40 if the economy continues to be strong in the next three years.

Ground was broken in November

for a 30,000-square-foot speculative warehouse in the 115-acre industrial park adjacent to Dover Air Force Base. The parcel, in **Kent County AeroPark,** will be developed by the Commonwealth Group Inc. of New Castle County.

An 82-unit motel, the **Arborgate Inn,** is being erected along U.S. Route 13 in Dover and should be ready for business by March 15. The $3 million project uses modular components constructed at the company's factory in Glen Burnie, Md.

SUSSEX COUNTY

Sussex County Council in November has extended indefinitely its moratorium on rezoning and subdivision of land near the ocean and inland bays. The ban affects all property within the state-designated coastal zone and is designed to slow development before a new land-use plan is adopted for Eastern Sussex. After a public hearing on the plan was held in January, the moratorium was extended to February 29th.

The Washington-based **International Science and Technology Institute** has purchased the vacant Doxee clam plant from Borden Inc. of Columbus, Ohio. Its subsidiary company, **ISTI Delaware, Inc.,** plans to renovate the factory to accommodate the manufacture and assembly of Delbuoy and Delpump desalinization equipment within about six months. ISTI Delaware began operations in the University of Delaware research park in July with the help of $3.5 million from the state Insurance Commissioner's Economic Development Fund.

In December, **George & Lynch** was low bidder for the first phase of expansion of **Delaware 1** near Rehoboth from a four-lane divided highway to six lanes. Lynch bid $3.68 million, with the work to be completed in 120 days. The first phase should start in February and be completed by May.

In an innovative operational change, **Perdue's Chicken Processing Plant** at Georgetown will discontinue its night shift and expand its daytime cleaning and eviscerating operations. The 300-person night shift will be reduced to 100, leaving only jobs such as cutting and packaging cleaned birds. The operational shift has been prompted by the labor

shortage problems found throughout the industry. Perdue, noting turn-over rates were highest among their night-shift workers, is hoping the new schedule will encourage stability in the workforce.

State and Rehoboth City Officials agreed to create a **park-and-ride transit system** in the resort by the summer of 1989. The State Dept. of Transportation agreed to purchase 10.7 acres near the entrance to Rehoboth and Sussex Rte. 273 for just over $1 million and several buses at $60,000 each. The City will manage and operate the park-and-ride system.

DELAWARE- NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY SELECTED INDUSTRY- BY PLACE OF WORK
(IN THOUSANDS)

TABLE-2

INDUSTRY GROUP	1987 OCT	1987 NOV	1987 DEC	1986 OCT	1986 NOV	1986 DEC
TOTAL NONAG. WAGE & SALARY	320.9	322.2	323.9	309.0	311.0	313.2
MANUFACTURING	69.5	69.8	69.7	69.5	69.8	70.4
DURABLE GOODS	18.5	18.7	18.9	18.2	18.9	19.6
PRIMARY & FABRICATED METALS	2.9	2.9	2.9	3.7	3.7	3.6
MACHINERY	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.5	3.5
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP	8.3	8.4	8.6	7.4	8.2	8.9
OTHER DURABLE GOODS	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.4	3.5	3.5
NONDURABLE GOODS	51.0	50.9	50.8	51.3	50.9	50.7
FOOD & KINDRED	9.9	9.9	9.8	10.1	10.2	10.0
TEXTILE & APPAREL	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.4
PAPER & ALLIED PROD.	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.5	2.4	2.5
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	2.8	2.7	2.7	2.8	2.9	2.9
CHEMICALS	30.7	30.8	30.8	30.9	30.5	30.5
RUBBER & PLASTICS	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.7	2.8	2.8
OTHER NONDURABLE GOODS	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9
NONMANUFACTURING	251.5	252.6	254.2	239.8	241.3	242.8
MINING	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	20.4	20.2	20.2	19.8	19.2	18.7
GENERAL BLDG. CONT.	5.2	5.2	5.3	4.9	4.7	4.8
HEAVY CONST. CONT.	3.0	3.0	2.9	3.2	3.0	2.8
SPECIAL TRADE CONT.	12.1	12.0	12.0	11.5	11.5	11.2
TRANS., COMM., & PUB. UTILITIES	13.3	13.3	13.3	12.7	12.8	12.9
LOCAL & INTERURBAN PASS.	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.7
TRUCKING & WAREHOUSING	4.2	4.3	4.3	3.8	3.9	4.0
COMMUNICATION	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.7	1.7	1.8
ELECTRIC GAS & SAN. SERVICE	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7
OTHER TRANSPORTATION	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	72.8	73.7	74.9	68.6	70.0	71.7
WHOLESALE TRADE	12.0	12.1	12.2	11.4	11.3	11.4
WHOLESALE-DURABLE	6.7	6.7	6.8	6.5	6.4	6.5
WHOLESALE-NONDURABLE	5.3	5.4	5.4	4.9	4.9	4.9
RETAIL TRADE	60.8	61.6	62.7	57.2	58.6	60.3
BLDG. MATERIAL & GARDEN SUP.	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.2	2.2	2.3
GENERAL MERCH. STORES	9.6	10.2	10.7	9.4	10.3	11.0
FOOD STORES	9.8	9.8	9.9	9.3	9.3	9.6
AUTO DEALERS & SERVICE STATIONS	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	5.9	5.9
APPAREL & ACCESSORY STORES	2.9	3.0	3.1	3.0	3.0	3.2
FURNITURE & HOME FURNISHINGS	3.3	3.4	3.4	2.9	2.9	2.9
EATING & DRINKING PLACES	17.6	17.3	17.4	16.6	16.6	16.6
MISCELLANEOUS RETAIL	9.2	9.5	9.8	7.9	8.5	8.9
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	25.2	25.3	25.2	23.6	23.7	24.0
BANKING	14.2	14.2	14.3	12.6	12.7	13.0
FINANCE, EXCLUDING BANKS	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.2
INSURANCE CARRIERS, AGTS. & BROKERS	4.9	4.9	4.8	4.9	4.9	4.9
REAL ESTATE	4.1	4.1	4.0	4.0	3.9	4.0
SERVICES	72.3	72.2	73.0	68.7	68.5	68.6
PERSONAL SERVICES	3.0	3.1	3.1	2.9	2.9	3.0
BUSINESS SERVICES	20.2	20.4	20.6	18.6	18.7	18.7
AUTOMOBILE & MISC. REPAIR	2.9	3.0	3.3	2.9	2.9	2.9
AMUSEMENT & RECREATION SERVICES	3.3	3.0	3.1	2.3	2.2	2.2
HEALTH SERVICES	18.8	18.8	18.8	18.3	18.4	18.3
LEGAL SERVICES	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.2
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	4.1	4.0	4.1	4.0	3.9	4.0
SOCIAL SERVICES	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.1	5.2	5.2
OTHER SERVICES	12.5	12.5	12.6	12.3	12.2	12.1
GOVERNMENT	47.4	47.8	47.5	46.4	47.1	46.8
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	6.1	6.1	6.2	5.8	5.9	5.8
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	41.3	41.7	41.3	40.6	41.2	41.0
STATE GOVERNMENT	23.1	23.2	22.8	22.5	22.8	22.4
STATE EDUCATION	9.6	9.7	9.4	9.2	9.5	9.3
STATE NON-EDUCATION	13.5	13.5	13.4	13.3	13.2	13.2
LOCAL GOVERNMENT	18.2	18.5	18.5	18.1	18.4	18.5
LOCAL EDUCATION	13.6	13.8	13.8	13.4	13.7	13.8
LOCAL NON-EDUCATION	4.6	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7
PERSONS INVOLVED IN WORK STOPPAGES	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1

WILMINGTON PMSA- NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY SELECTED INDUSTRY- BY PLACE OF WORK
(IN THOUSANDS)

TABLE-2A

INDUSTRY GROUP	1987 OCT	1987 NOV	1987 DEC	1988 OCT	1988 NOV	1988 DEC
TOTAL NONAG. WAGE & SALARY	277.6	279.1	281.0	268.4	270.1	272.1
MANUFACTURING	59.0	59.3	59.3	59.0	59.1	59.8
DURABLE GOODS	17.4	17.5	17.6	17.0	17.6	18.3
PRIMARY & FABRICATED METALS	2.5	2.5	2.5	3.2	3.2	3.1
MACHINERY	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.6	3.7
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP	8.3	8.5	8.7	7.5	8.3	9.0
OTHER DURABLE GOODS	2.8	2.8	2.7	2.6	2.6	2.5
NONDURABLE GOODS	41.7	41.8	41.7	42.0	41.5	41.5
FOOD & KINDRED	1.0	0.9	0.9	1.0	0.9	0.9
TEXTILE & APPAREL	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.0
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	2.4	2.4	2.3	2.3	2.4	2.4
CHEMICALS	32.5	32.6	32.6	32.9	32.4	32.4
RUBBER & PLASTICS	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.2	3.2	3.2
OTHER NONDURABLE GOODS	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.6	1.6
NONMANUFACTURING	218.5	219.8	221.7	209.3	211.0	212.3
MINING	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	18.9	18.9	18.8	19.0	18.5	18.0
GENERAL BLDG. CONT.	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.7	3.7
HEAVY CONST. CONT.	4.1	4.1	4.0	5.2	4.8	4.4
SPECIAL TRADE CONT.	10.9	10.9	10.9	9.9	10.0	9.9
TRANS., COMM., & PUB. UTILITIES	14.7	14.7	14.7	13.7	13.8	13.9
LOCAL & INTERURBAN PASS.	1.6	1.6	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.4
TRUCKING & WAREHOUSING	4.5	4.5	4.6	3.8	3.9	3.9
COMMUNICATION	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.5	1.5	1.5
ELECTRIC GAS & SAN. SERVICE	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.5	4.5	4.5
OTHER TRANSPORTATION	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.6	2.5	2.5
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	59.2	60.3	61.7	58.9	58.1	59.2
WHOLESALE TRADE	10.1	10.1	10.3	9.7	9.7	9.8
WHOLESALE-DURABLE	5.8	5.8	5.9	5.7	5.7	5.8
WHOLESALE-NONDURABLE	4.2	4.3	4.4	4.0	4.0	4.0
RETAIL TRADE	49.2	50.2	51.4	47.2	48.4	49.7
BLDG. MATERIAL & GARDEN SUP.	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.5	1.5	1.5
GENERAL MERCH. STORES	7.9	8.3	8.7	7.7	8.4	9.0
FOOD STORES	8.3	8.3	8.6	8.0	8.0	8.1
AUTO DEALERS & SERVICE STATIONS	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.3	5.3	5.3
APPAREL & ACCESSORY STORES	2.3	2.4	2.6	2.3	2.3	2.5
FURNITURE & HOME FURNISHINGS	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.2	2.2	2.2
EATING & DRINKING PLACES	14.1	14.1	14.0	13.7	13.7	13.6
MISCELLANEOUS RETAIL	7.2	7.6	8.0	6.5	7.0	7.4
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	23.4	23.4	23.5	21.7	21.7	22.0
BANKING	13.1	13.1	13.2	11.5	11.5	11.8
FINANCE, EXCLUDING BANKS	2.1	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.1	2.1
INSURANCE CARRIERS, AGTS. & BROKERS	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.6
REAL ESTATE	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.5	3.5	3.5
SERVICES	64.3	64.2	64.8	60.6	61.0	61.2
PERSONAL SERVICES	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.3	2.3	2.4
BUSINESS SERVICES	18.9	19.0	19.4	17.2	17.6	17.8
AUTOMOBILE & MISC. REPAIR	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.4	2.5	2.4
AMUSEMENT & RECREATION SERVICES	2.8	2.5	2.5	1.7	1.6	1.7
HEALTH SERVICES	17.0	16.9	16.9	16.7	16.7	16.5
LEGAL SERVICES	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.0	2.0	2.0
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.7	3.7	3.8
SOCIAL SERVICES	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.2
OTHER SERVICES	10.8	10.8	11.0	10.5	10.4	10.4
GOVERNMENT	37.8	38.1	38.0	37.3	37.8	37.6
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.7	4.8
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	33.1	33.3	33.2	32.5	33.1	32.8
STATE GOVERNMENT	15.0	15.0	14.8	14.5	14.8	14.5
STATE EDUCATION	8.3	8.3	8.1	8.0	8.2	8.0
STATE NON-EDUCATION	6.6	6.7	6.7	6.5	6.6	6.6
LOCAL GOVERNMENT	18.1	18.3	18.4	18.0	18.3	18.3
LOCAL EDUCATION	12.3	12.5	12.6	12.2	12.5	12.6
LOCAL NON-EDUCATION	5.8	5.8	5.8	5.8	5.8	5.7
PERSONS INVOLVED IN WORK STOPPAGES	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1

AVERAGE HOURLY AND WEEKLY EARNINGS AND HOURS WORKED BY PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY GROUPS

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DELAWARE *

	WEEKLY EARNINGS			WEEKLY HOURS			HOURLY EARNINGS		
	OCT	NOV	DEC	OCT	NOV	DEC	OCT	NOV	DEC
1987									
MANUFACTURING	$ 455.54	$ 427.57	$ 425.72	40.1	39.7	40.2	$ 11.36	$ 10.77	$ 10.59
DURABLE GOODS	488.17	477.53	473.57	39.4	39.4	39.3	12.39	12.12	12.05
PRIMARY & FAB. METALS	369.68	382.96	375.19	37.8	40.1	38.6	9.78	9.55	9.72
MACHINERY	480.48	470.10	482.45	45.2	44.9	45.6	10.63	10.47	10.58
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	595.03	576.41	567.36	37.9	37.6	37.9	15.70	15.33	14.97
NONDURABLE GOODS	433.46	391.82	391.41	40.7	39.9	40.9	10.65	9.82	9.57
FOOD & KINDRED	292.74	279.75	297.56	39.4	37.4	41.1	7.43	7.48	7.24
TEXTILE & APPAREL	299.39	305.18	294.67	40.9	40.8	40.2	7.32	7.48	7.33
PAPER & ALLIED PRED.	379.90	451.42	343.81	37.1	43.7	31.6	10.24	10.33	10.88
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	375.34	360.10	371.63	36.3	37.2	37.2	10.34	9.68	9.99
CHEMICALS	774.34	574.95	585.54	43.6	43.1	42.4	17.76	13.34	13.81
RUBBER & PLASTICS	462.80	493.24	469.94	44.5	41.8	45.1	10.40	11.80	10.42
1986									
MANUFACTURING	$ 422.71	$ 429.09	$ 448.38	41.0	41.7	42.3	$ 10.31	$ 10.29	$ 10.60
DURABLE GOODS	504.38	506.43	525.05	42.6	43.1	43.5	11.84	11.75	12.07
PRIMARY & FAB. METALS	399.74	416.90	413.14	42.3	43.7	42.2	9.45	9.54	9.79
MACHINERY	449.65	446.87	460.64	40.4	41.3	41.8	11.13	10.82	11.02
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	652.68	636.15	654.08	44.1	44.2	44.8	14.80	14.37	14.60
NONDURABLE GOODS	369.60	374.03	390.70	40.0	40.7	41.3	9.24	9.19	9.46
FOOD & KINDRED	267.63	270.24	288.93	39.3	39.8	41.1	6.81	6.79	7.03
TEXTILE & APPAREL	249.99	258.05	273.21	39.0	39.7	40.9	6.41	6.50	6.68
PAPER & ALLIED PRED.	381.24	428.24	394.37	38.2	43.3	38.4	9.98	9.89	10.27
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	316.25	317.20	364.72	35.1	35.6	37.6	9.01	8.91	9.70
CHEMICALS	537.66	551.03	566.82	41.2	41.4	42.3	13.05	13.31	13.40
RUBBER & PLASTICS	439.63	435.37	462.92	42.6	42.6	44.9	10.32	10.22	10.31

* COVERS AN ESTIMATED 34,100 PRODUCTON WORKERS

WILMINGTON PRIMARY METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (PMSA) **

	WEEKLY EARNINGS			WEEKLY HOURS			HOURLY EARNINGS		
	OCT	NOV	DEC	OCT	NOV	DEC	OCT	NOV	DEC
1987									
MANUFACTURING	$ 535.30	$ 533.65	$ 528.90	41.4	41.4	41.0	$ 12.93	$ 12.89	$ 12.90
DURABLE GOODS	530.72	518.11	505.81	39.4	39.4	38.7	13.47	13.15	13.07
PRIMARY & FAB. METALS	353.78	365.48	357.28	38.0	39.9	38.5	9.31	9.16	9.28
MACHINERY	491.28	481.30	492.30	44.5	44.4	45.0	11.04	10.84	10.94
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	591.89	573.34	565.87	37.7	37.4	37.8	15.70	15.33	14.97
NONDURABLE GOODS	540.32	556.04	558.80	44.0	44.2	44.0	12.28	12.58	12.70
FOOD & KINDRED	280.67	295.47	275.39	44.2	46.9	43.3	6.35	6.30	6.36
TEXTILE & APPAREL	330.84	336.46	324.01	41.2	41.9	40.2	8.03	8.03	8.06
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	412.25	396.31	424.48	35.6	36.9	37.9	11.58	10.74	11.20
CHEMICALS	753.33	778.11	797.94	47.8	48.3	46.8	15.76	16.11	17.05
RUBBER & PLASTICS	465.43	497.68	473.33	44.2	42.5	45.6	10.53	11.71	10.38
1986									
MANUFACTURING	$ 508.79	$ 510.38	$ 532.12	41.5	41.8	42.4	$ 12.26	$ 12.21	$ 12.55
DURABLE GOODS	536.34	538.05	549.87	42.0	42.5	42.2	12.77	12.66	13.03
PRIMARY & FAB. METALS	403.12	415.92	401.21	43.3	44.2	42.1	9.31	9.41	9.53
MACHINERY	436.30	450.15	466.49	39.2	40.3	40.6	11.13	11.17	11.49
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	648.84	631.40	642.54	43.9	44.0	44.1	14.35	14.57	14.13
NONDURABLE GOODS	477.24	475.26	508.22	41.0	40.9	42.6	11.64	11.62	11.93
FOOD & KINDRED	264.31	258.64	265.60	42.7	42.4	43.9	6.19	6.05	6.05
TEXTILE & APPAREL	269.63	276.05	302.58	38.3	38.5	41.0	7.04	7.17	7.38
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	361.79	359.97	424.08	35.4	35.5	38.0	10.22	10.14	11.16
CHEMICALS	634.30	634.12	668.60	42.4	41.5	43.5	14.96	15.28	15.37
RUBBER & PLASTICS	419.43	419.00	446.75	41.0	41.2	43.5	10.23	10.17	10.27

** COVERS AN ESTIMATED 23,200 PRODUCTON WORKERS

NOTE: MOST RECENT MONTH IS PRELIMINIARY DATA.

NUMBER AND AMOUNT OF UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION PAYMENTS FOR REGULAR U.I. PROGRAM BY AREA/LOCAL OFFICE

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AREA AND OFFICE	OCT	NOV	DEC	OCT	NOV	DEC
	WEEKS COMPENSATED			AMT. OF PAYMENT (000')		
STATE TOTALS *	7,199	7,800	11,549	912,639	965,480	1,443,639
NEW CASTLE COUNTY/	3,757	3,873	5,471	490,126	503,649	733,581
WILMINGTON L.O.	2,467	2,503	3,508	312,264	317,485	458,093
NEWARK L.O.	1,290	1,370	1,963	177,862	186,164	275,488
KENT COUNTY/						
DOVER L.O.	1,255	1,218	1,748	138,981	132,582	193,476
SUSSEX COUNTY/						
GEORGETOWN L.O.	854	1,272	2,244	94,186	127,139	229,248
	AVERAGE WEEKLY BENEFIT AMOUNT			NUMBER OF U.I. FIRST PAYMENTS		
STATE TOTALS *	132	130	132	634	818	1,091
NEW CASTLE COUNTY/	137	136	141	333	339	488
WILMINGTON L.O.	133	133	137	211	217	288
NEWARK L.O.	145	142	149	122	122	200
KENT COUNTY/						
DOVER L.O.	115	114	117	99	143	188
SUSSEX COUNTY/						
GEORGETOWN L.O.	118	106	111	98	201	268

* INCLUDES INTERSTATE LIABLE PAYMENTS WHICH ARE NOT AGGREGATED IN THE AREA/LOCAL OFFICE TOTALS

SOURCE: DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE AUTOMATED DATA SYSTEM

DELAWARE U.I. REGULAR CONTINUED CLAIM COUNTS

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	1987			1986		
	FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 12TH OF					
	OCT	NOV	DEC	OCT	NOV	DEC
TOTAL COUNT	1,900	2,100	2,600	3,000	3,400	3,900
NUMBER OF AUTO INDUSTRY	0	0	0	100	0	0
TOTAL LESS AUTO INDUSTRY	1,900	2,100	2,600	2,900	3,400	3,900
	FOR THE MONTHS OF					
	OCT	NOV	DEC	OCT	NOV	DEC
TOTAL COUNT	8,000	8,900	12,300	12,900	12,700	17,800
NUMBER OF AUTO INDUSTRY	0	0	0	400	0	0
TOTAL LESS AUTO INDUSTRY	8,000	8,900	12,300	12,500	12,700	17,800

NOTE: DETAIL MAY NOT ADD TO TOTALS DUE TO ROUNDING

SOURCE: DERIVED FROM WEEKLY LOCAL OFFICE REPORTS OF U.I. CLAIMS-TAKING ACTIVITIES

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX AND PERCENT CHANGES FOR ALL URBAN CONSUMERS PHILADELPHIA AREA

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EXPENDITURE CATEGORY	1987 OCT	1987 NOV	1987 DEC	1986 OCT	1986 NOV	1986 DEC
ALL ITEMS	344.1	342.6	343.5	324.7	324.1	325.2
FOOD & BEVERAGES	330.4	329.5	329.2	319.1	317.3	318.4
HOUSING	361.1	356.6	359.0	339.5	338.9	339.6
APPAREL & UPKEEP	203.2	204.4	199.5	188.8	187.1	185.9
TRANSPORTATION	347.8	350.1	351.0	325.0	325.3	328.0
MEDICAL	506.2	505.7	511.1	483.3	483.3	486.1
ENTERTAINMENT	264.6	264.7	265.5	255.3	256.4	257.1
OTHER GOODS & SERVICES	408.6	408.1	409.2	380.8	381.1	381.6
	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS MONTH AND YEAR AGO					
ALL ITEMS						
MONTHLY	0.4	-0.4	0.3	-0.3	-0.2	0.3
YEARLY	6.0	5.7	5.6	2.3	1.7	1.7

	UNITED STATES					
ALL ITEMS						
INDEX	345.3	345.8	345.7	330.5	330.8	331.1
MO. CHANGE (%)	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1
YR. CHANGE (%)	4.5	4.5	4.4	1.5	1.3	1.1

SOURCE: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

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DELAWARE DIGEST

LABOR MARKET AND ECONOMIC QUARTERLY ACTIVITY

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HIGHLIGHTS

Delaware's seasonally adjusted **unemployment rate** finished the quarter at 3.2%; maintaining the state's ranking as having one of the lowest unemployment rates in the nation.

The Philadelphia Area **Consumer Price Index** increased 5.6 percent in March 1988 from March of last year.

Sears, Roebuck, & Company has filed application with the State Bank Commissioners Office to charter a second bank in Delaware to be known as Discover Card Bank of New Castle.

Governor Castle signed **Delaware's anti-takeover statute**, in February which is designed to provide corporations protection from hostile takeovers.

Construction is expected to begin this summer in **Bowers Beach** on a 48-unit townhouse development.

Delaware's bond rating was raised to AA-plus by Standard and Poor's Corporation, one week before the scheduled sale of $50 million of general obligation bonds.

A group of New Castle County businessmen have put up $4 million to form a locally-owned commercial bank to be named **First State Bank.**

Scott Paper's Dover Plant has been named Scott Paper Company's top plant for the third consecutive year.

Sussex County Council adopted a development plan in March for eastern Sussex County that reduces allowable densities to 12 houses per acre.

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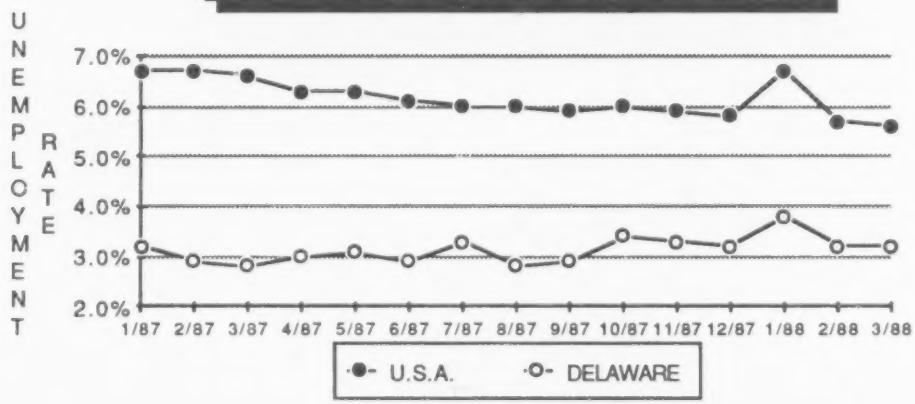
LABOR FORCE DEVELOPMENTS (TABLE 1)

Delaware's seasonally-adjusted unemployment rates rose in January to 3.8 percent, then fell to 3.2 percent in February and maintained that level in March. During the first three months of 1988, Delaware's unemployment rate remained among the lowest state rates in the nation.

The nonseasonal unemployment rates rose in January to 4.5 percent, fell in February to 4.0 percent, then finished the quarter in March at a low for the year of 3.6 percent.

Nationally, the unemployment rates remained relatively constant over the period, ending the quarter at 5.6%.

U. S. A. AND DELAWARE UNEMPLOYMENT RATES, JANUARY 1987 - MARCH 1988



NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (TABLE 2 &2A)

Total State nonagricultural wage and salary employment decreased from December 1987 to 321,000 in January, recovered all but 4,400 of the December base, through seasonal gains and due to partial recalls of auto workers, and ended the quarter in March at 326,500. Seasonal decreases occurred in Retail Trade (especially eating and drinking places); increases occurred in the Service Sector (business services and health services), Banking, and the Manufacturing Sector (transportation equipment and food and kindred products).

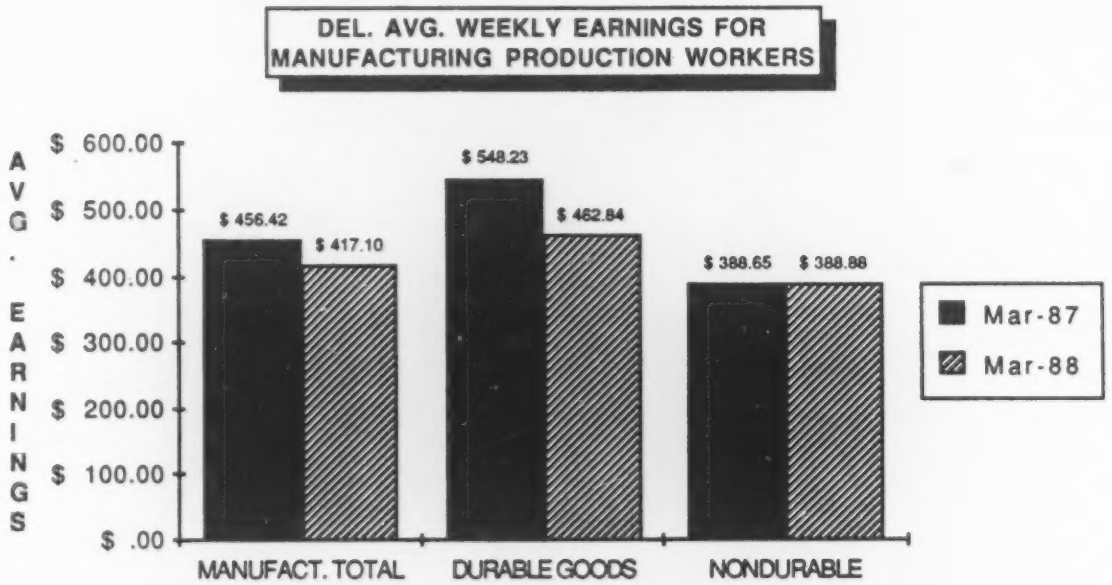
The Wilmington PMSA, averaging employment of 275,900 over the quarter, experienced the same movement as Statewide.

HOURS AND EARNINGS (TABLE 3)

Average weekly earnings of manufacturing production workers in Delaware decreased from December to January ($425.72 to $423.20) increased in February to $428.13, and decreased to $417.10 in March. Average weekly earnings for manufacturing production workers in March were down 8.6% from March of 1987. Weekly average wages in Durable Goods ended the quarter lower than in 1987, probably due to layoffs in the auto industry.

Weekly hours for the quarter averaged 39.7 hours, lower than in the first quarter of 1987 (42.0 hours). Hourly wages were lower than in 1987 by an average 33 cents and showed steady growth through each month of the quarter. Nondurable goods hourly earnings were five cents higher in March of 1988 than in March a year ago.

Wilmington PMSA average weekly earnings in March were $527.80, down 4.8% from a year ago. Chemicals weekly hours (46.2) and hourly earnings ($16.11) were both up from year-ago levels.



UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (TABLES 4 & 5)

Total weeks of regular UI **benefits** compensated during the first quarter of 1988 totaled 83,860 with a benefit amount of $12,516,772 paid. The average size of payment for UI regular unemployment increased slightly to $149. Continued claim counts registered 86,200 during the quarter, which were slightly higher than 75,400 claimants during the first quarter of 1987.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (TABLE 6)

The Philadelphia Area Consumer Price Index rose slightly in the first quarter, registering 116.0 in February and 119.6 in March. (a 4.9% increase from March of 1987). The quarterly increase was the result of gains in medical, apparel and upkeep, and other goods and services expenditures.

Nationally , the March index registered 116.5, for a quarter gain of 0.9 percent and a 4.4 percent increase over the year.

NATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS

A **Dun & Bradstreet survey** reports U. S. businesses expect to hire 20% fewer employees in 1988 than in 1987. As a result of the weaker U.S. dollar, more than 610,000 new manufacturing jobs are expected--nearly three times more than in 1987. Dun & Bradstreet attributed the overall slowdown in new jobs this year to a decline in hiring at small companies with 20 to 100 employees. This decline stems from a 7.7% drop in business starts in 1987.

F. W. Dodge Division of McGraw-Hill Information System Co. reported **housing construction** fell 14% in 1987 from the previous year due to higher interest rates and a high level of apartment vacancies. Housing starts totaled 1.58 million units in 1987 compared to 1.84 million units in 1986.

In January the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported that 11% of the 10,345 firms surveyed in the summer of 1987 provide some kind of **child-care service** or benefit for workers. The study showed that child-care benefits or services are more prevalant in larger establishments, those with 250 or more workers.

Factories operated in December 1987 at 82.1% of capacity. This was the highest percentage of capacity since March of 1980.

A study which examined the labor market for the 20 million **young people who are not likely to attend college**, reported on the decline of stable, good-paying jobs not requiring advanced training. The commission, funded by the William T. Grant Foundation, indicated 1.7 million manufacturing jobs disappeared between 1979 and 1985. The study indicated that in 1985 only 44 percent of all men aged 20 to 24 earned enough to support a family of three above the poverty line, compared with 60 percent in 1973. In 1986, male high school graduates in this age group who did not go on to college were earning an average of 28% less in constant dollars than a comparable group in 1973.

Caldwell Banker Commercial Real Estate Services reported **office vacancies** fell in 34 major cities and suburbs in 1987 due to stronger leasing and a slowdown in new construction. Vacancies fell to 16.3 percent in downtown and 22.8 percent in suburban locations. This marks the first time in six years that vacancies did not rise.

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENTS

The State of New Jersey has approved the DuPont Company's $39 million plan to modernize a chemical waste collection system at the **Chambers Works** in Deepwater, N.J.

Sun Refining and Marketing Co. in Marcus Hook and the Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers Local 8-901 reached a tentative agreement in March which called for a 30-cent-an-hour wage hike this year and a 3 percent boost next year. The package also includes increases in the company contribution toward medical coverage. The new contract will affect 700 workers at the Marcus Hook refinery.

The State of Maryland's Board of Public Works approved a $12.2 million beach replenishment project for **Ocean City Maryland** in March. An estimated 2.3 million cubic yards of sand will be dredged from sites offshore and pumped on to more than eight miles of coastline.

Delaware Management, a Philadelphia based investment firm, has agreed to be acquired by Legend Capital, L.P., a private limited partnership for a price estimated at $300 million. The Delaware Management Company manages $18 billion in assets, including $13 billion in corporate and public pension funds.

Philadelphia Electric's shutdown of the Peach Bottom nuclear power plant threatens to adversely effect the profits of the plant's other owners. Public Service Electric & Gas Co.(PSE&G), Delmarva Power & Light Co. and Atlantic City Electric are being pressured by utility regulators to adjust rates to reflect the plant shutdown. PSE&G is facing a potential revenue loss of $150 million , while Atlantic City Electric anticipates a $30 million revenue loss. Delmarva Power has already restated 1987 earnings to reflect a $9 million write-off of replacement power costs.

STATE DEVELOPMENTS

WSFS has become the first company in Delaware to offer a child-care payment option in its employee benefit package. Employees can choose a payroll deduction up to $5,000 of their annual child-care expenses from pre-tax earnings, thus reducing their federal, state and Social Security tax burden.

Governor Castle signed **Delaware's anti-takeover statute** in February. Designed to provide corporations with protection from hostile takeovers, the legislation was challenged immediately by Black & Decker Corp. who filed suit in Delaware's U. S. District Court challenging the constitutionality of the law. U.S. District Judge Joseph Longobardi rejected Black & Decker's argument and refused to rule on the constitutionality issue. Under this anti-takeover statute, a company has a 90-day period to exempt themselves from the law. To date, only GAF Corp. which is considering a $1.2 billion buyout offer, has used the exemption option.

State Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC) officials announced the award of a $350,000 grant from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to build a computerized information system to help evaluate the impact of development in the inland bays. The system will be a first step in developing a Statewide geographic information system for evaluating environmental permits.

Standard & Poor's Corp. raised Delaware's bond rating a notch from AA to AA-Plus one week before a scheduled $50 million sale of general obligation bonds. Only nine other states, including Maryland and New Jersey, have higher standings than Delaware. Overall debt service payments have dropped from 16. 8 percent of annual general fund revenues

in 1977 to an estimated 9.3 percent for 1988.

Sears, Roebuck & Co. has filed an application with the state bank commissioner to charter a second bank in Delaware. The new bank would be established under Chapter 7 of Title 5 and be known as Discover Card Bank of New Castle. Sears plans to transfer some of its Greenwood Trust credit card accounts to Discover Card Bank if the new bank is approved.

Sherwood F. West of the Delaware Development Office announced that Delaware was the first state to set up the complex legal and bookkeeping apparatus necessary to take advantage of a 1984 federal law designed to encourage companies to become exporters.

The formation of the **First Foreign Sales Corporation** has three member companies who will bank together to share the costs of exporting and to exempt up to 15 percent of their gross export profits from federal income tax. Up to 25 companies are allowed under the law to combine in each foreign sales corporation. To join a foreign sales corporation, a company must pay a one-time fee of $500 and is assessed annual fees of either one-tenth of a percent of gross export receipts or $2,500, whichever is greater. The state hopes to have 250 companies participating in foreign sales corporations within a year and expects the program to eventually be self-supporting.

NEW CASTLE COUNTY

Medical Center of Delaware announced in March that it will seek rezoning on the 194-acre **Christiana Hospital** site near Stanton to allow for expansion of the facility. The development would take place over the next 15 to 20 years and includes in its first stage a new laundry and warehouse, expansion of the emergency room, an ambulatory surgical center, and a second office building for doctors.

The Newark City Council approved a 72-unit townhouse complex on Paper Mill Road by a narrow 4-3 margin. **Alberta H. Marta Enterprises** requested the annexation and rezoning late last summer. While city council approved the annexation, the subdivision plan will be presented in two weeks for final approval.

In March the new **Rockford Center** in Stanton replaced the 14-year-old psychiatric hospital on Broom St. in Wilmington. The new 80-bed facility cost $8 million and will begin accepting patients in May. The hospital is an affiliate of Hospital Corporation of America.

The **Port of Wilmington** has reached a tentative agreement with Stora, a Swedish paper company, to unload paper bound for the News-Journal Co. The new business should yield an additional $30,000 per year for the port.

Construction was completed in February on the **Brandywine Zoo's** new education building. The $260,000 building is designed for groups who want to know more about the animal kingdom and will be officially opened in April.

A group of prominent New Castle County businessmen, headed by Arthur C. Annone, have put up $4 million to form a locally-owned, full-service commercial bank. The new bank will be named **First State Bank**. Frank Robino will be acting chairman. National Bank of Boyertown, Pa. has agreed to put up 20 percent of the new bank's capital, but will have no role in management. Mr. Annone indicated that, once formed the Bank will probably make a public stock offering.

New Castle County Council approved a rezoning request in January by **Frank Robino & Associates** to allow construction of 450 townhouses and single-family homes off Wrangle Hill Road near Glasgow. The developer Paul Robino plans to build $70,000 townhouses and $125,000 single-family units on the 106 acre site.

The New Castle County Planning Board gave Stelmar Inc. unanimous approval in February to devlop 60 new $300,000 homes on a 30-acre tract bordered by Lancaster Pike, Old Wilmington Road, and Loveville Road near Hockessin. The new development will be called **Fox Hollow.**

Greggo and Ferrara Inc. of New Castle was the apparent low bidder for a Del DOT project to widen a section of Delaware 141 and turn much of the road into a four-lane highway. The $5.4 million improvement project is considered critical by the highway department due to the sharply increased traffic caused by recent office construction at Lancaster Pike and Delaware 141.

Winnebago Industries announced in February it will open a parts distribution center and a production and van-customizing operation on U.S. 40 near Bear. The 50,800-square-foot building will be open for distribution operations by April 1, while the production line operations are expected to start later in the Spring.

KENT COUNTY DEVELOPMENTS

The **Architects and Engineers Insurance Company** was formed in January by C. Roy Vince, a DesPlaines, Ill. insurance broker and consultant. The company is being formed under the 1986 Risk Retention Act and will represent 27 architectural and engineering firms seeking lower insurance rates. The company will hire 6-8 Dover area people in the start-up phase and expects to employ about 20 persons by mid-1989.

In January former Lt. Governor, Jim McGinnis announced a project to develop 48 townhouses at **Bowers Beach.** McGinnis expects the first of the $60,000 to $65,000 townhouses to be completed in June.

Amiquip Corporation, a crane rental firm based in Bensalem, PA, opened its first Delaware office in January near Smyrna on U. S. 13. The company rents cranes up to 365 tons to general contractors.

The State Senate passed legislation in January that would give **Kent County school districts** about $884,000 additional funding to finish out the school year based on last year's property reassessment. The bill, which has been signed by the Governor, will provide an additional $352,900 to Caesar Rodney District; $107,825 to Capital District; $252,710 to Lake Forrest; $52,900 for the Milford District; and $117,842 to the Smyrna District.

For the third consecutive year, the Dover plant has been named **Scott Paper's top plant**. The Dover plant edged out seven others by performing consistently better in the areas of safety, finance, quality, forecasting, and distribution.

Voters in the **Capital School District** agreed to increase their taxes to avoid losing $250,000 in state funding. The tax rate was raised by 11 cents to 73 cents per $100 of assessed valuation.

Voters in the **Smyrna School District** approved a two-part referendum needed to rescue the district from an anticipated $412,000 deficit. One part of the referendum transfers $150,000 of capital improvements funds to the current expense account; the second part will increase district residents tax to 72.4 cents per $100 assessed valuation.

J. H. Stradling Inc., a Pennsylvania maker of fiber-processing equipment used in the textile industry, will open a plant near the Cheswold Airport. The company is currently renovating facilities on the 22 acre site and plans to employ eleven people in the late spring when operations are expected to begin.

SUSSEX COUNTY DEVELOPMENTS

Delmarva Power and Light Co. reported its six-story cooling tower at the **Indian River power plant** is sinking and cracking apart, and will have to be replaced at a cost of $12 million. The company plans to construct the tower and have it on line by the last quarter of 1989.

Graystone Equipment and Rental Co., a John Deere Co. dealership, is expected to open in April on Delaware 1 near Lewes. A 7,000-square-foot building is now under construction.

Bob Martin, leasing agent for a 30,000 square-foot shopping center along U.S. 13 near Bridgeville, announced the signing of **McDonald's Corporation** as the center's first tenant. The eight-acre site will be developed by John L. and Gloria Scott of Washington D. C. The lease is contingent upon having sewer installed by the Spring of 1989.

Cargill, Inc. is the first southern Delaware employer to become a corporate member of **Child Care Connection,** a non-profit resource and referral service. The agency assists parents with seeking day care facilities in Kent and Sussex Counties. Cargill feels that the agency can meet the needs of many of Cargill's employees in locating child care services.

The **Sussex County Council** adopted in March a development plan for eastern Sussex County that reduces allowable densities to 12 homes per acre. This figure is considerably less than the six units per acre recommended by John E. Wilson, state Secretary of Natural Resources and local environmentalists.

Delaware Motor Club (AAA), a division of Keystone Motor Club, has opened a branch office in Georgetown at 313 E. Market St.

In January, Alan B. Levin, Company President, announced that **Happy Harry's Discount Drugs** will expand into Sussex County. The chain will open an 8,500-square-foot store in the Marketplace on U.S. 1 near Rehoboth Beach. Levin indicated the 20 store chain is looking for additional locations in Sussex and plans to open a second Dover store at Silver Lake Plaza in October.

SPECIAL ARTICLE: Full-time versus Part-time Status: 1987 Annual Averages

Recent interest has been expressed in analyzing the effects of the current economic boom on the part-time labor market. During times of economic recovery, full-time employment opportunities are expected to be plentiful. Comparing Delaware's full-time employment base in 1987 with 1982 shows a decrease in the percentage of workers employed on a part-time basis for economic reasons. Persons employed on a part-time basis for economic reasons are those working less than 35 hours/week and whose employer was experiencing slack work, material shortages, or repairs to plant and equipment; or persons who are unable to find a full-time job. In Delaware, only 4.0% of all employed persons are considered working on a part-time basis for economic reasons. This compares with 4.8% for the United States. Thirty-eight other states had a higher percentage of persons in this category.

Total part-time employment in Delaware, which combines persons working part-time for economic reasons and persons working part-time on a voluntary basis, represents 18.6% of the total employment base.

The table which follows is an alphabetical listing of states by full-time employment and part-time employment status as a percent of total employment.

CIVILIAN EMPLOYED PERSONS BY FULL OR PART-TIME STATUS, 1987 ANNUAL AVGS.
(IN THOUSANDS)

STATES	TOTAL EMP.	FULL-TIME SCHEDULES	PART-TIME FOR ECONOMIC REASONS		VOLUNTRARY PART-TIME		TOTAL PART-TIME AS A % OF TOTAL EMP
			NUMBER	% TOTAL EMP.	NUMBER	% TOTAL EMP.	
ALABAMA	1,746	1,422	119	6.8	205	11.7	18.6
ALASKA	221	174	20	9.0	27	12.2	21.3
ARIZONA	1,513	1,233	92	6.1	188	12.4	18.5
ARKANSAS	1,002	806	71	7.1	125	12.5	19.6
CALIFORNIA	12,955	10,552	616	4.8	1,787	13.8	18.5
COLORADO	1,567	1,264	99	6.3	204	13.0	19.3
CONNECTICUT	1,694	1,390	35	2.1	269	15.9	17.9
DELAWARE	321	261	13	4.0	47	14.6	18.7
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	311	273	10	3.2	28	9.0	12.2
FLORIDA	5,557	4,608	244	4.4	705	12.7	17.1
GEORGIA	2,885	2,440	111	3.8	334	11.6	15.4
HAWAII	495	396	27	5.5	72	14.5	20.0
IDAHO	434	333	35	8.1	66	15.2	23.3
ILLINOIS	5,330	4,346	251	4.7	733	13.8	18.5
INDIANA	2,576	2,062	120	4.7	394	15.3	20.0
IOWA	1,368	1,049	71	5.2	248	18.1	23.3
KANSAS	1,205	971	47	3.9	187	15.5	19.4
KENTUCKY	1,538	1,216	92	6.0	230	15.0	20.9
LOUISIANA	1,719	1,347	142	8.3	230	13.4	21.6
MAINE	561	440	27	4.8	94	16.8	21.6
MARYLAND	2,300	1,929	62	2.7	309	13.4	16.1
MASSACHUSETTS	2,987	2,375	68	2.3	544	18.2	20.5
MICHIGAN	4,154	3,263	232	5.6	659	15.9	21.4
MINNESOTA	2,137	1,638	111	5.2	388	18.2	23.4
MISSISSIPPI	1,033	848	73	7.1	112	10.8	17.9
MISSOURI	2,426	1,948	118	4.9	360	14.8	19.7
MONTANA	374	281	32	8.6	61	16.3	24.9
NEBRASKA	772	604	40	5.2	128	16.6	21.8
NEVADA	522	446	22	4.2	54	10.3	14.6
NEW HAMPSHIRE	574	477	12	2.1	85	14.8	16.9
NEW JERSEY	3,806	3,187	89	2.3	530	13.9	16.3
NEW MEXICO	624	486	44	7.1	94	15.1	22.1
NEW YORK	8,070	6,741	249	3.1	1,080	13.4	16.5
NORTH CAROLINA	3,129	2,633	128	4.1	368	11.8	15.9
NORTH DAKOTA	313	230	19	6.1	64	20.4	26.5
OHIO	4,881	3,887	227	4.7	767	15.7	20.4
OKLAHOMA	1,449	1,137	111	7.7	201	13.9	21.5
OREGON	1,302	1,032	78	6.0	192	14.7	20.7
PENNSYLVANIA	5,328	4,275	262	4.9	791	14.8	19.8
RHODE ISLAND	499	406	12	2.4	81	16.2	18.6
SOUTH CAROLINA	1,541	1,274	78	5.1	189	12.3	17.3
SOUTH DAKOTA	341	262	19	5.6	60	17.6	23.2
TENNESSEE	2,181	1,820	113	5.2	248	11.4	16.6
TEXAS	7,567	6,255	476	6.3	836	11.0	17.3
UTAH	708	528	39	5.5	141	19.9	25.4
VERMONT	285	228	10	3.5	47	16.5	20.0
VIRGINIA	2,862	2,389	112	3.9	361	12.6	16.5
WASHINGTON	2,083	1,615	121	5.8	347	16.7	22.5
WEST VIRGINIA	668	543	51	7.6	74	11.1	18.7
WISCONSIN	2,339	1,779	134	5.7	427	18.3	24.0
WYOMING	219	170	17	7.8	32	14.6	22.4
UNITED STATES-TOTAL	112,483	91,279	5,401	4.8	15,803	14.0	18.9

NOTE: MULTIPLE JOB HOLDERS ARE ONLY COUNTED ONCE BY STATUS WITH MOST HOURS.

SOURCE: GEOGRAPHIC PROFILE OF EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT, 1987
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT

BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE

TABLE 1

(IN THOUSANDS)

AREA	YEAR	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		
		JAN	FEB	MAR*	JAN	FEB	MAR*	JAN	FEB	MAR*	JAN	FEB	MAR*
DELAWARE, SEASONALLY ADJ.	1988	340.5	344.1	346.0	327.4	333.2	334.8	13.1	10.9	11.2	3.8	3.2	3.2
	1987	332.6	330.0	329.2	320.8	319.4	318.8	11.4	10.6	10.4	3.4	3.2	3.2
DELAWARE, UNADJUSTED	1988	331.1	332.7	337.4	316.3	319.5	325.4	14.8	13.2	12.1	4.5	4.0	3.6
	1987	321.3	319.1	321.0	308.3	306.3	309.8	13.0	12.8	11.2	4.0	4.0	3.5
WILMINGTON PMSA, UNADJUSTED	1988	291.8	292.6	295.4	277.1	279.7	283.7	14.8	13.0	11.9			
	1987	282.9	282.0	282.6	270.2	269.0	271.2	12.6	13.0	11.3	4.5	4.6	4.0
UNITED STATES, SEASON. ADJ.**	1988	121,175.0	121,347.0	120,904.0	114,129.0	114,409.0	114,103.0	7,046.0	6,938.0	6,801.0	5.8	5.7	5.6
	1987	119,034.0	119,349.0	119,222.0	111,011.0	111,382.0	111,368.0	8,023.0	7,967.0	7,854.0	6.7	6.7	6.6
SURROUNDING STATES:													
NEW JERSEY, SEASONALLY ADJ.**	1988	4,037.0	3,991.0	3,985.0	3,884.0	3,856.0	3,826.0	404.0	333.0	323.0	3.8	3.9	4.0
	1987	3,897.0	3,931.0	3,975.0	3,748.0	3,767.0	3,820.0	149.0	164.0	155.0	3.8	4.2	3.9
NEW YORK, SEASONALLY ADJ.**	1988	8,524.0	8,505.0	8,465.0	8,120.0	8,172.0	8,142.0	404.0	333.0	323.0	4.7	3.9	3.8
	1987	8,488.0	8,454.0	8,472.0	7,989.0	8,029.0	8,063.0	499.0	425.0	409.0	5.9	5.0	4.8
PENNSYLVANIA, SEASON. ADJ.**	1988	5,827.0	5,786.0	5,728.0	5,497.0	5,486.0	5,435.0	330.0	300.0	293.0	5.7	5.2	5.1
	1987	5,593.0	5,564.0	5,564.0	5,259.0	5,253.0	5,243.0	334.0	311.0	321.0	6.0	5.6	5.8
MARYLAND, UNADJUSTED	1988	2,394.4	2,398.9	2,405.1	2,270.5	2,276.3	2,293.7	123.5	122.6	111.3	5.2	5.1	4.6
	1987	2,365.7	2,357.6	2,383.7	2,251.5	2,242.2	2,272.8	114.2	115.4	110.9	4.8	4.9	4.7

* PRELIMINARY ** U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

DELAWARE- NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY SELECTED INDUSTRY- BY PLACE OF WORK
(IN THOUSANDS)

TABLE-2

INDUSTRY GROUP	1988 JAN	1988 FEB	1988 MAR	1987 JAN	1987 FEB	1987 MAR
TOTAL NONAG. WAGE & SALARY	321.0	322.5	326.5	305.9	304.4	307.9
MANUFACTURING	68.9	68.1	68.4	69.8	69.2	69.3
DURABLE GOODS	18.5	17.7	17.7	19.8	19.2	19.1
PRIMARY & FABRICATED METALS	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.5	3.2	3.1
MACHINERY	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.4	3.4
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP	5.7	6.9	6.9	9.1	9.0	8.9
OTHER DURABLE GOODS	4.1	4.1	4.1	3.7	3.8	3.7
NONDURABLE GOODS	50.4	50.4	50.7	50.0	50.0	50.2
FOOD & KINDRED	8.9	9.1	9.2	9.4	9.3	9.4
TEXTILE & APPAREL	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.3
PAPER & ALLIED PROD.	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.8	2.8	2.8
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	2.7	2.7	2.8	2.9	2.9	2.9
CHEMICALS	30.8	30.8	30.9	30.4	30.4	30.5
RUBBER & PLASTICS	2.9	2.8	2.8	2.4	2.4	2.4
OTHER NONDURABLE GOODS	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.9
NONMANUFACTURING	254.1	254.4	258.1	236.1	235.2	238.6
MINING	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	18.4	18.7	20.2	17.7	17.0	18.5
GENERAL BLDG. CONT.	5.6	5.4	5.7	4.8	4.7	4.8
HEAVY CONST. CONT.	2.1	2.4	3.1	2.4	2.3	3.3
SPECIAL TRADE CONT.	10.7	10.9	11.4	10.5	10.0	10.4
TRANS., COMM., & PUB. UTILITIES	14.0	14.1	14.1	13.3	12.9	12.9
LOCAL & INTERURBAN PASS.	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.6	1.6
TRUCKING & WAREHOUSING	4.5	4.6	4.7	4.0	4.0	4.1
COMMUNICATION	2.1	2.1	2.1	1.8	1.8	1.8
ELECTRIC GAS & SAN. SERVICE	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.7	2.7	2.7
OTHER TRANSPORTATION	3.0	3.0	2.9	3.1	2.8	2.7
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	71.5	70.3	70.9	66.7	65.4	66.4
WHOLESALE TRADE	12.3	12.0	12.2	11.2	11.3	11.4
WHOLESALE-DURABLE	7.0	6.9	7.0	6.5	6.5	6.5
WHOLESALE-NONDURABLE	5.3	5.1	5.2	4.7	4.8	4.9
RETAIL TRADE	59.2	58.3	58.7	55.5	54.1	55.0
BLDG. MATERIAL & GARDEN SUP.	2.8	2.7	2.7	2.2	2.2	2.2
GENERAL MERCH. STORES	9.2	8.8	8.5	9.4	8.4	8.5
FOOD STORES	9.4	9.3	9.2	8.5	8.5	8.4
AUTO DEALERS & SERVICE STATIONS	6.4	6.5	6.5	6.2	6.1	6.2
APPAREL & ACCESSORY STORES	3.2	3.1	3.1	2.8	2.8	2.8
FURNITURE & HOME FURNISHINGS	2.9	2.8	2.8	2.7	2.6	2.7
EATING & DRINKING PLACES	16.3	16.1	16.7	15.8	15.8	16.4
MISCELLANEOUS RETAIL	9.2	9.2	9.2	7.9	7.7	7.8
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	27.1	27.2	27.5	24.9	25.2	25.5
BANKING	15.7	15.8	16.1	13.8	13.9	14.2
FINANCE, EXCLUDING BANKS	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3
INSURANCE CARRIERS, AGTS. & BROKERS	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.5	5.5	5.5
REAL ESTATE	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.5	3.5	3.5
SERVICES	75.6	76.5	77.3	67.6	68.2	69.5
PERSONAL SERVICES	3.4	3.6	3.5	3.0	3.1	3.1
BUSINESS SERVICES	20.5	20.4	20.9	17.4	17.5	17.9
AUTOMOBILE & MISC. REPAIR	3.6	3.7	3.7	2.9	2.9	2.9
AMUSEMENT & RECREATION SERVICES	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.0	2.2	2.3
HEALTH SERVICES	19.4	19.5	19.7	18.6	18.6	18.8
LEGAL SERVICES	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.3
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	4.2	4.5	4.4	3.9	4.0	4.1
SOCIAL SERVICES	5.6	5.7	5.7	5.6	5.6	5.7
OTHER SERVICES	14.1	14.3	14.5	12.0	12.1	12.4
GOVERNMENT	47.4	47.5	48.0	45.8	46.4	45.7
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	6.0	6.0	5.9	5.8	5.8	5.8
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	41.4	41.5	42.1	40.0	40.6	39.9
STATE GOVERNMENT	23.0	23.0	23.4	21.4	22.2	21.5
STATE EDUCATION	9.6	9.5	9.9	8.2	9.0	8.3
STATE NON-EDUCATION	13.4	13.5	13.5	13.2	13.2	13.2
LOCAL GOVERNMENT	18.4	18.5	18.7	18.6	18.4	18.4
LOCAL EDUCATION	13.6	13.6	13.7	13.8	13.6	13.7
LOCAL NON-EDUCATION	4.8	4.9	5.0	4.8	4.8	4.7
PERSONS INVOLVED IN WORK STOPPAGES	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1

WILMINGTON PMSA- NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY SELECTED INDUSTRY- BY PLACE OF WORK
(IN THOUSANDS)

TABLE-2A	1988			1987		
INDUSTRY GROUP	JAN	FEB	MAR	JAN	FEB	MAR
TOTAL NONAG. WAGE & SALARY	274.4	275.2	278.1	262.8	261.7	264.9
MANUFACTURING	56.1	57.4	57.6	60.2	59.6	59.7
DURABLE GOODS	14.2	15.5	15.7	18.7	18.2	18.1
PRIMARY & FABRICATED METALS	2.3	2.3	2.4	2.8	2.5	2.4
MACHINERY	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.8	3.7	3.6
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP	6.2	7.4	7.5	9.6	9.5	9.5
OTHER DURABLE GOODS	2.0	2.1	2.1	2.5	2.5	2.6
NONDURABLE GOODS	41.9	41.9	41.9	41.5	41.4	41.6
FOOD & KINDRED	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.9
TEXTILE & APPAREL	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.3	2.3	2.4
CHEMICALS	32.6	32.6	32.8	32.4	32.3	32.4
RUBBER & PLASTICS	3.2	3.1	3.2	2.9	2.9	2.9
OTHER NONDURABLE GOODS	1.9	2.0	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9
NONMANUFACTURING	218.3	217.8	220.5	202.6	202.1	205.2
MINING	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	15.4	15.3	16.6	14.4	13.7	14.9
GENERAL BLDG. CONT.	4.0	3.9	4.1	3.4	3.3	3.4
HEAVY CONST. CONT.	2.5	2.4	3.0	2.7	2.6	3.3
SPECIAL TRADE CONT.	8.9	9.0	9.5	8.3	7.8	8.2
TRANS., COMM., & PUB. UTILITIES	15.0	15.1	15.0	14.2	14.0	14.0
LOCAL & INTERURBAN PASS.	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.3	1.3	1.3
TRUCKING & WAREHOUSING	4.6	4.5	4.7	4.0	4.1	4.1
COMMUNICATION	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4
ELECTRIC GAS & SAN. SERVICE	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.5	4.6	4.6
OTHER TRANSPORTATION	2.8	2.9	2.7	3.0	2.6	2.6
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	59.2	58.4	58.2	55.5	54.5	55.4
WHOLESALE TRADE	10.2	10.0	9.9	9.8	9.6	9.7
WHOLESALE-DURABLE	5.7	5.6	5.6	5.5	5.5	5.5
WHOLESALE-NONDURABLE	4.5	4.4	4.3	4.1	4.1	4.2
RETAIL TRADE	49.0	48.4	48.3	45.9	44.9	45.7
BLDG. MATERIAL & GARDEN SUP.	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.4	1.4	1.5
GENERAL MERCH. STORES	7.3	7.0	6.9	7.7	6.8	6.9
FOOD STORES	7.8	7.7	7.7	7.1	7.2	7.2
AUTO DEALERS & SERVICE STATIONS	5.9	5.9	5.9	5.7	5.7	5.8
APPAREL & ACCESSORY STORES	2.7	2.6	2.5	2.4	2.3	2.3
FURNITURE & HOME FURNISHINGS	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.0	2.0	2.0
EATING & DRINKING PLACES	14.0	14.0	14.1	13.2	13.2	13.6
MISCELLANEOUS RETAIL	7.3	7.3	7.3	6.4	6.3	6.4
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	24.1	24.3	24.7	22.1	22.3	22.6
BANKING	13.7	13.9	14.2	12.0	12.2	12.5
FINANCE, EXCLUDING BANKS	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2
INSURANCE CARRIERS, AGTS. & BROKERS	4.9	4.9	4.9	5.2	5.2	5.2
REAL ESTATE	3.3	3.3	3.4	2.7	2.7	2.7
SERVICES	66.6	67.1	67.5	59.8	60.3	61.4
PERSONAL SERVICES	2.7	2.8	2.9	2.5	2.5	2.5
BUSINESS SERVICES	18.9	18.7	18.7	15.8	15.9	16.3
AUTOMOBILE & MISC. REPAIR	3.0	3.1	3.1	2.4	2.5	2.5
AMUSEMENT & RECREATION SERVICES	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.5	1.6	1.7
HEALTH SERVICES	17.6	17.6	17.7	17.0	17.0	17.2
LEGAL SERVICES	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.0	2.0	2.1
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	4.1	4.3	4.3	3.8	3.9	3.9
SOCIAL SERVICES	4.4	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.6	4.6
OTHER SERVICES	11.8	12.0	12.2	10.3	10.3	10.8
GOVERNMENT	37.8	37.4	38.3	36.4	37.1	36.7
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.7	4.7	4.8
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	33.0	32.6	33.5	31.7	32.4	31.9
STATE GOVERNMENT	15.3	14.9	15.3	13.9	14.6	13.9
STATE EDUCATION	8.5	8.2	8.5	7.2	7.9	7.2
STATE NON-EDUCATION	6.8	6.7	6.8	6.7	6.7	6.7
LOCAL GOVERNMENT	17.7	17.7	18.2	17.8	17.8	18.0
LOCAL EDUCATION	12.2	12.2	12.5	12.5	12.4	12.7
LOCAL NON-EDUCATION	5.5	5.5	5.7	5.3	5.4	5.3
PERSONS INVOLVED IN WORK STOPPAGES	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1

AVERAGE HOURLY AND WEEKLY EARNINGS AND HOURS WORKED BY PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY GROUPS

TABLE-3

DELAWARE *

	WEEKLY EARNINGS			WEEKLY HOURS			HOURLY EARNINGS		
	JAN	FEB	MAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	JAN	FEB	MAR
1988									
MANUFACTURING	$ 423.20	$ 428.13	$ 417.10	40.0	40.2	38.8	$ 10.58	$ 10.65	$ 10.75
DURABLE GOODS	466.72	465.36	462.84	38.7	38.3	38.0	12.06	12.15	12.18
PRIMARY & FAB. METALS	382.53	398.20	387.25	38.6	39.9	37.9	9.91	9.98	9.69
MACHINERY	419.83	460.15	433.57	39.2	39.6	37.8	10.71	11.62	11.47
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	641.99	592.97	587.10	38.1	39.4	38.0	16.85	15.05	15.45
NONDURABLE GOODS	397.80	402.26	388.88	40.9	41.3	39.4	9.75	9.74	9.87
FOOD & KINDRED	311.12	295.65	278.31	42.1	40.5	38.6	7.39	7.30	7.21
TEXTILE & APPAREL	306.41	312.33	305.63	40.8	41.7	39.9	7.51	7.49	7.66
PAPER & ALLIED PRED.	334.62	434.39	364.39	33.0	44.1	35.9	10.14	9.85	10.15
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	356.93	369.91	361.55	33.8	35.5	35.0	10.56	10.42	10.33
CHEMICALS	580.46	583.88	579.90	42.4	42.0	41.9	13.69	13.89	13.84
RUBBER & PLASTICS	462.00	465.59	457.73	44.0	43.8	41.2	10.50	10.63	11.11
1987									
MANUFACTURING	$ 484.07	$ 433.13	$ 456.42	42.8	40.9	42.3	$ 11.31	$ 10.59	$ 10.79
DURABLE GOODS	614.18	496.87	548.23	44.7	41.2	44.9	13.74	12.06	12.21
PRIMARY & FAB. METALS	370.17	381.05	370.40	38.6	39.9	39.7	9.59	9.55	9.33
MACHINERY	443.70	463.97	455.62	43.5	43.0	44.8	10.20	10.79	10.17
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	834.62	611.89	706.59	48.3	42.7	48.1	17.28	14.33	14.69
NONDURABLE GOODS	385.02	385.70	388.65	41.4	40.6	40.4	9.30	9.50	9.62
FOOD & KINDRED	300.50	272.20	279.89	43.3	38.5	39.2	6.94	7.07	7.14
TEXTILE & APPAREL	302.93	301.07	296.38	43.4	41.7	42.1	6.98	7.22	7.04
PAPER & ALLIED PRED.	302.10	445.44	366.66	31.7	46.4	38.8	9.53	9.60	9.45
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	330.78	326.90	336.86	34.6	35.0	34.8	9.56	9.34	9.68
CHEMICALS	563.30	571.65	589.36	42.1	42.4	42.8	13.38	13.48	13.77
RUBBER & PLASTICS	497.26	472.65	476.26	46.3	45.1	45.1	10.74	10.48	10.56

* COVERS AN ESTIMATED 32,200 PRODUCTON WORKERS

WILMINGTON PRIMARY METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (PMSA) **

	WEEKLY EARNINGS			WEEKLY HOURS			HOURLY EARNINGS		
	JAN	FEB	MAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	JAN	FEB	MAR
1988									
MANUFACTURING	$ 529.02	$ 527.14	$ 527.80	40.6	40.8	40.6	$ 13.03	$ 12.92	$13.00
DURABLE GOODS	510.88	511.84	511.50	37.4	38.6	38.2	13.66	13.26	13.39
PRIMARY & FAB. METALS	345.42	347.53	339.07	38.0	38.7	38.4	9.09	8.98	8.83
MACHINERY	426.92	473.14	445.43	38.6	39.2	37.4	11.06	12.07	11.91
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	641.22	591.86	584.39	38.1	39.3	37.8	16.83	15.06	15.46
NONDURABLE GOODS	545.00	545.58	546.84	43.6	43.3	43.4	12.50	12.60	12.60
FOOD & KINDRED	292.02	286.53	308.14	45.7	44.7	47.7	6.39	6.41	6.46
TEXTILE & APPAREL	341.51	341.96	339.67	41.8	41.3	42.3	8.17	8.28	8.03
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	399.65	417.32	407.19	34.1	36.1	35.5	11.72	11.56	11.47
CHEMICALS	768.63	750.66	744.28	47.3	45.8	46.2	16.25	16.39	16.11
RUBBER & PLASTICS	465.15	467.10	462.79	44.3	43.9	41.1	10.50	10.64	11.26
1987									
MANUFACTURING	595.76	$ 520.83	$ 554.55	44.0	41.6	43.7	$ 13.54	$ 12.52	$ 12.69
DURABLE GOODS	663.71	530.81	589.61	44.1	40.8	44.6	15.05	13.01	13.22
PRIMARY & FAB. METALS	352.67	362.31	346.32	37.8	39.0	39.0	9.33	9.29	8.88
MACHINERY	431.16	456.69	450.02	38.6	39.0	40.8	11.17	11.71	11.03
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	822.53	603.29	699.24	47.6	42.1	47.6	17.28	14.33	14.69
NONDURABLE GOODS	506.61	506.60	508.38	43.9	42.5	42.4	11.54	11.92	11.99
FOOD & KINDRED	280.12	277.37	295.45	46.3	45.1	47.5	6.05	6.15	6.22
TEXTILE & APPAREL	328.31	329.02	318.78	43.6	42.4	42.0	7.53	7.76	7.59
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	379.81	374.11	382.98	35.2	35.8	35.2	10.79	10.45	10.88
CHEMICALS	652.28	669.48	677.15	46.0	43.7	43.8	14.18	15.32	15.46
RUBBER & PLASTICS	480.53	460.60	468.34	44.7	43.7	44.1	10.75	10.54	10.62

** COVERS AN ESTIMATED 21,100 PRODUCTON WORKERS

NOTE: MOST RECENT MONTH IS PRELIMINIARY DATA.

NUMBER AND AMOUNT OF UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION PAYMENTS FOR REGULAR U.I. PROGRAM BY AREA/LOCAL OFFICE

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AREA AND OFFICE	JAN	FEB	MAR	JAN	FEB	MAR
	WEEKS COMPENSATED			AMT. OF PAYMENT		
STATE TOTALS *	25,303	29,411	29,146	3,722,066	4,490,686	4,304,020
NEW CASTLE COUNTY/	14,943	17,515	18,304	2,459,924	2,922,977	2,901,885
WILMINGTON L.O.	11,621	13,647	14,677	1,993,396	2,326,858	2,343,365
NEWARK L.O.	3,322	3,868	3,627	466,528	596,119	558,520
KENT COUNTY/ DOVER L.O.	3,912	4,179	3,459	449,333	510,122	428,515
SUSSEX COUNTY/ GEORGETOWN L.O.	3,461	3,495	3,287	372,279	399,952	371,938
	AVERAGE WEEKLY BENEFIT AMOUNT			NUMBER OF U.I. FIRST PAYMENTS		
STATE TOTALS *	157	161	163	3,017	2,208	1,187
NEW CASTLE COUNTY/	173	176	178	1,349	1,071	633
WILMINGTON L.O.	178	180	182	791	684	391
NEWARK L.O.	152	162	164	558	387	242
KENT COUNTY/ DOVER L.O.	123	130	131	593	448	247
SUSSEX COUNTY/ GEORGETOWN L.O.	120	124	122	565	283	139

* INCLUDES INTERSTATE LIABLE PAYMENTS WHICH ARE NOT AGGREGATED IN THE AREA/LOCAL OFFICE TOTALS

SOURCE: DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE AUTOMATED DATA SYSTEM

DELAWARE U.I. REGULAR CONTINUED CLAIM COUNTS

TABLE-5

	1988			1987		
	FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 12TH OF					
	JAN	FEB	MAR	JAN	FEB	MAR
TOTAL COUNT	9,600	6,600	5,800	5,300	6,500	5,900
NUMBER OF AUTO INDUSTRY	4,000	1,600	1,700	0	0	0
TOTAL LESS AUTO INDUSTRY	5,600	5,000	4,100	5,300	6,500	5,900
	FOR THE MONTHS OF					
	JAN	FEB	MAR	JAN	FEB	MAR
TOTAL COUNT	26,600	30,100	29,500	23,300	26,500	26,500
NUMBER OF AUTO INDUSTRY	7,400	8,600	10,100	0	0	0
TOTAL LESS AUTO INDUSTRY	19,200	21,500	19,400	23,300	26,500	26,500

NOTE: DETAIL MAY NOT ADD TO TOTALS DUE TO ROUNDING

SOURCE: DERIVED FROM WEEKLY LOCAL OFFICE REPORTS OF U.I. CLAIMS-TAKING ACTIVITIES

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX AND PERCENT CHANGES FOR ALL URBAN CONSUMERS PHILADELPHIA AREA

TABLE-6

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY	1988 JAN	1988 FEB	1988 MAR	1987 JAN	1987 FEB	1987 MAR
ALL ITEMS (1967=100)	344.6	344.5	345.5	324.7	324.1	325.2
ALL ITEMS (1982-84=100)	119.3	119.3	119.6	113.4	113.9	114.0
FOOD & BEVERAGES	114.2	113.7	112.7	319.1	317.3	318.4
HOUSING	120.4	120.5	120.7	339.5	338.9	339.6
APPAREL & UPKEEP	109.1	106.9	112.7	188.8	187.1	185.9
TRANSPORTATION	114.5	114.2	114.5	325.0	325.3	328.0
MEDICAL	137.7	138.7	138.4	483.3	483.3	486.1
ENTERTAINMENT	114.8	116.0	116.4	255.3	256.4	257.1
OTHER GOODS & SERVICES	140.6	142.7	142.3	380.8	381.1	381.6
	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS MONTH AND YEAR AGO					
ALL ITEMS						
MONTHLY	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.8	0.4	0.1
YEARLY	5.2	4.7	4.9	2.3	2.8	3.0
	UNITED STATES					
ALL ITEMS						
INDEX.(1976=100)	345.3	345.8	345.7	330.5	330.8	331.1
INDEX.(1982-84=100)	115.7	116	116.5	111.2	111.6	112.1
MO. CHANGE (%)	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.4
YR. CHANGE (%)	4.0	3.9	3.9	1.4	2.1	3

SOURCE: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

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LABOR MARKET AND ECONOMIC QUARTERLY ACTIVITY

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HIGHLIGHTS

Delaware's seasonally adjusted **unemployment rate** finished the quarter at 2.9%, maintaining the state's ranking as having one of the lowest unemployment rates in the nation.

The Philadelphia Area **Consumer Price Index** increased 3.8 percent in June 1988 from June of last year.

Revised **revenue forecasts** gave the State an extra $19.8 million for fiscal year 1989's budget.

The second phase of the **Christiana Gateway** project gets underway in May as construction begins on the 17-story office building, 1 Christina Centre.

The **Christina School Board** approved final plans to build a new $5 million elementary school and begin $3 million in renovations at Henry Brader Elementary School.

The **City of Dover** has awarded the sale of $2 million of general obligation bonds to finance street improvements in 1988 and 1989.

The **Federal Highway Administration** has granted design approval for the Dover and Smyrna segments of the planned Route 13 Relief Route.

Sussex County will be the recipient of State Bond monies in fiscal year 1989 for projects at Delaware Technical and Community College and at Bethany Beach, South Bethany and Fenwick Island.

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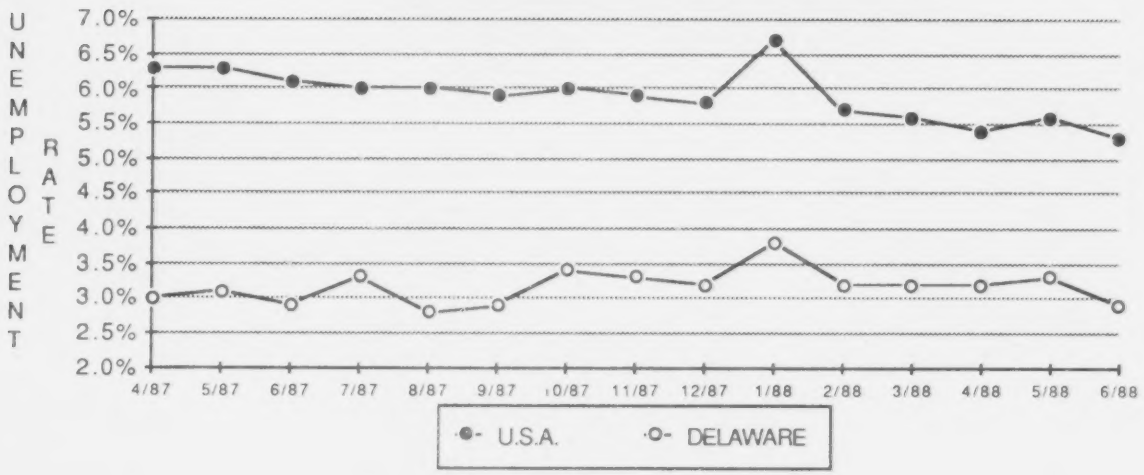
LABOR FORCE DEVELOPMENTS (TABLE 1)

Delaware's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate declined slightly in April to 3.2 percent, rose to 3.3 percent in May, and fell again in June to 2.9 percent. During the first six months of 1988, Delaware continued to maintain one of the lowest unemployment rates in the nation.

The unadjusted unemployment rates fell from 3.2 percent in April to 2.9 percent in May, then rose slightly in June, finishing the quarter at 3.0 percent. Nationally, the unemployment rates remained relatively constant over the period, ending the quarter at a low for the year of 5.3 percent.

U. S. A. AND DELAWARE UNEMPLOYMENT RATES, APRIL 1987 - JUNE 1988



NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (TABLES 2 & 2A)

Total State nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased significantly due to seasonal factors in May and June, ending the quarter at 338,300. Increases occurred in Retail Trade (especially eating and drinking places); Services (Health Services and Other Services); Construction (Special Trades); and the Manufacturing Sector (Chemicals and Food & Kindred Products).

The Wilmington PMSA, averaging employment of 282,300 over the quarter, experienced the same movement as Statewide.

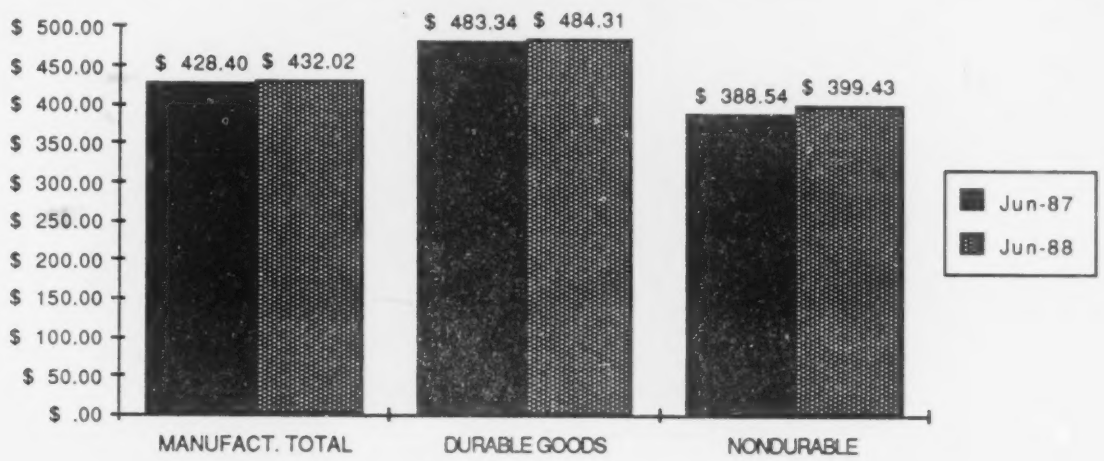
HOURS AND EARNINGS (TABLE 3)

Average weekly earnings of manufacturing production workers in Delaware increased from April to June ($422,41 to $432.042). Average weekly earnings for manufacturing production workers in June were up 0.8% from June of 1987. Weekly average wages in Durable Goods ended the quarter slightly higher than in 1987.

Weekly hours for the quarter averaged 39.9 hours lower than in the second quarter of 1987 (40.8 hours). Hourly wages were higher than in 1987 by 23 cents on average. The $10.72 average hourly earnings for June of 1988 was 2.0% higher than the June 1987 figure.

Wilmington PMSA average weekly earnings in June were 542.82, up 6.7% from a year ago. Chemicals weekly hours (44.6) and hourly earnings ($16.82) were both up from year-ago levels.

DELAWARE AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS FOR MANUFACTURING PRODUCTION WORKERS



UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (TABLES 4 & 5)

Total weeks of regular UI **benefits** compensated during the second quarter of 1987 totaled 55,794 with a benefit amount of $9,074,595 paid. The average size of payment for UI regular unemployment increased to $162. Continued claim counts registered 57,900 during the quarter, which were slightly higher than the 48,100 claimants during the second quarter of 1987.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (TABLE 6)

The Philadelphia Area Consumer Price Index rose slightly in the second quarter, registering 121.9 in June. The quarterly increase was the result of gains in medical, food and beverages, housing, and entertainment expenditures.

Nationally, the June index registered 118.0 for a monthly gain of 0.5 percent and a 5.2 percent increase over the year.

NATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS

National **unemployment** fell to 5.4% in April, the lowest rate since June, 1974. In May, unemployment increased to 5.6 percent. In June, the U. S. unemployment rate dropped to 5.3 percent, the lowest level in 14 years. The 0.3 percentage drop from May was primarily caused by a seasonally-adjusted employment rise of 820,000 people, three-fourths of them youths.

Milwaukee-based Manpower, Inc. reported that **U.S. employers** plan robust third-quarter hiring. This is the highest level reported on the survey since 1984.

The Federal Reserve Board stated that **industrial output** in April reached 82.7 percent of capacity. **Housing construction** edged up 1.9 percent in March, following a 9.6 percent gain in February. The Commerce Department reported that housing starts dropped 12.2 percent in May. Many housing industry economists are pessimistic about the direction of the industry in the coming months.

According to **F W. Dodge**, building contracts fell 6 percent in April. Dodge states that building activity has fallen 20 percent since last fall.

Retail sales fell 0.6 percent in April, the first setback in six months. The decline was blamed on an early Easter. The commerce Department reported that retail sales edged up 0.1 percent in May. Discount retailers appear to be doing more business than higher-priced stores

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENTS

According to Fred La Bastille, director of Salem County Planning Board, tougher development regulations will come with the passage of a proposed statewide New Jersey Development and redevelopment Plan. Roughly 3000 acres in **Pilesgrove Township** are in various stages of sale, according to Mr. La Bastile, including 690 acres recently acquired by Exton, Pa.-based Golden Eagle Development

Corp. It appears developers are rushing to buy the land before the tougher regulations go into effect.

Campbell Soup Company of Camden, New Jersey announced that its board of directors has approved construction of a $180 million Pepperidge Farm plant near its Downingtown, Pa. plant.

The village of **Kemblesville, Pa.** is to be the site of a $10 million commercial and light industrial complex developed by Metal Sales and Service, Inc. of Kennett Square, Pa. The retail part of the complex, called Kemblesville Square, is designed to bring stores to a community that has almost none. Construction on the retail area is expected to start in July and may be finished by Thanksgiving.

On June 28th, **Spectron** in Elkton, Md. closed its doors to new shipments. The firm failed to post a $500,000 bond or that amount in cash to ensure clean up of its site. Spectron will continue operations for up to 30 days, but will only be allowed to recycle chemicals already shipped to the plant. About 53 workers are affected by the closing.

STATE DEVELOPMENTS

New revenue forecasts gave Delaware lawmakers an extra $19.8 million, one day before the start of the final budgeting process.

Legislators sent Governor Castle a record **$1.04 billion budget** for fiscal 1989. Public school teachers received a 5.6 percent raise. About $1.4 million was appropriated to increase education refinement programs, or to fund middle school career education, or to hire aides. About $1 million was appropriated to improve institutional and community-based youth rehabilitation services. Other large appropriations were $625,000 to develop and outfit privately-run child-care programs in up to 19 schools statewide; $345,700 to increase staffing at the Delaware State Hospital; and $200,000 to develop school-based "Latchkey" programs at up to 50 sites.

The General Assembly's **Bond Bill** Committee approved $227 million in spending for capital programs. The bond bill contains $141 million in transportation spending. The proposed Dover Civic Center received $1.4 million in planning money. However, this project may not receive all of the $22 million proposed to build it; a five-member panel will review the project. About $7 million was appropriated to buy land for parks and natural areas, but a committee or the legislature would have to review each purchase.

NEW CASTLE COUNTY DEVELOPMENTS

Officials of the People's Republic of China toured the former **Phoenix Steel** plant they bought during the first week in June for $13.5 million. They will own 70 percent of the mill, while Hong Kong businessman L. H. Chang will own the remainder. The plant is scheduled to begin operations October 1 and employ 300 to 350 people.

On May 12th, the Linpro Co. will start the second phase of its **Christiana Gateway** Financial District. It will construct a 17-story office tower and a 1,400-car garage. Marine Midland Bank (Delaware) will occupy 70 percent of 1 Christina Centre. Occupancy is scheduled for iate fall 1989.

The **Christina school board** approved final plans to construct a $5 million elementary school and begin $3 million worth of renovations on another. Groundbreaking for the Henry M. Brader Elementary School is scheduled for June 30 in the Four Seasons area of Newark. This is Delaware's first new school in over a decade. Renovations at John Palmer Jr. Elementary School, closed in 1981, are to start the first week in July.

Principals of the **Bellview Properties** partnership plan to develop an office park complex on 217 acres just west of Continental Life on I-95. The first construction project will be a 90,000-square-foot office building. The partners do not plan to build additional buildings until they get tenants for the first building. First they must obtain county approval to develop the site; then they can estimate when ground will be broken.

Chrysler Corporation's Newark assembly plant will close from June 17 to October 10 to undergo a $205 million changeover to bring production of A-body cars on line. The plant currently employs about 2,000 hourly workers on a single shift. About 400 people will work during the changeover, while the remaining 1,600 will participate in training sessions on robotics, programmable controllers and several computer systems. The current estimate for the Chrysler plant is for one shift to go back in October and the second shift to go back in January, 1989.

The **Kevin F. Donohue Company** has broken ground for the second building at the Delaware Corporate Center on U.S. 202. The new three-story building will have 107,000 square feet with first occupancy scheduled for early 1989.

Frank Robino Associates announced that the **First State Bank Building** currently under construction in Wilmington is 50% sold. The 12-story, 30,000-square-foot office building is being sold as

office-condominiums. Robino estimates the building is one-third completed and will cost an estimated $3 million.

KENT COUNTY DEVELOPMENTS

The **City of Dover** awarded the sale of $2 million general obligation bonds to Butcher and Singer to fund the 1988 and 1989 Dover street program. This summer, 29 streets should be paved or repaired; in 1989, 27 streets should be fixed.

A projected 300 military personnel are expected to accept an Air Force offer of **early separation** from the Dover Air Force Base as part of a cost-cutting move. About 40 civilian employees accepted the Air Force's offer to retire early.

According to consultants **Laventhol and Horwath**, Central Delaware could support a $22 million, 7,000-seat, civic center and convention hall. The best location for the center, known in Kent County as the Liberty Civic Center, would be property near the Sheraton Inn Dover. The center could generate up to $13.3 million a year in economic benefits for Kent County. The consultants estimated 250 new jobs could be created, with 145 of them in Kent County. Dover City Council became the first governmental body to financially commit to the Civic Center project by appropriating $2 million.

Final plans are nearing completion for the **Wild Quail Golf and Country Club.** The development will be on 403 acres east of Hazlettville between Routes 52 and 73. The residental part of the development, which accommodates 188 building lots, should start to take shape by the end of the year. The golf course will not be ready for play until the spring of 1990.

Polar Pack, Ltd. is coming to Milford, bringing 75 new jobs within three years. The Wilmington-based manufacturer will provide employer-paid on-site child care.

Delaware Technical and Community College officials asked legislators for a new $4.5 million chemistry laboratory on the Terry Campus. Students at the Terry Campus must learn many things in theory because there is currently not enough space and equipment available for laboratories. The State Bond Bill appropriated $1.9 million for a laboratory building for the Terry Campus of DTCC.

The **Federal Highway Administration** has granted design approval for the Dover and Smyrna segments of the planned Route 13 Relief Route. The Department of Transportation can start letting out contracts for construction. DOT Secretary Kermit H. Justice said the aim was to get construction of the

"early action phases" underway in 1989.

Surviving the bond bill paring operation was the **Dover Civic Center**, which received $1.4 million in planning money. Other projects not previously mentioned were $300,000 for infrastructure improvements and construction of buildings in the **Kent County Industrial Park**; $1,350,000 to renovate **Legislative Hall** and the **Tatnall Building**; and $1,385,000 to renovate and expand the **Department of Agriculture building**. .

SUSSEX COUNTY DEVELOPMENTS

Technically, Southern Delaware is in a **farm drought**--conditions are worsening from mild to moderate. The Southern counties are on the verge of crop damage. So far there has been no damage to the poultry industry. The Delaware legislature has responded to these conditions by designating $260,000 to partially cover the cost of crop insurance. In July Delaware farmers were declared eligible for federal drought relief. Most losses are in the corn crop.

A new research center at the **University of Delaware's College of Marine Studies** will keep track of weather and ocean research projects worldwide. Russel C. Jones, president of the university, is expected to sign an agreement with officials of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

State highway construction through **Dewey Beach** will continue pending a preliminary injunction hearing in court. The 100-day project is already 20 days into schedule, with $107,000 spent.

Dewey Beach Mayor J. Bruce Vavala expects a good summer season. He said that there are three or four new motels being built and some new restaurants are opening. One of the new businesses is a convention facility in **Ruddertowne** which opened June 18th. The convention hall is above Crabber's Cove restaurant, which is under expansion. A few more restaurants and shops are opening in Rehoboth. Highway construction is underway along Delaware Route 1 from Five Points to Rehoboth.

A state task force made recommendations for a short-term beach erosion control program. **Fenwick Island** will have its beaches replenished either by pumping sand from offshore or trucking sand in from offshore locations. Bethany-South Bethany has second priority for the same treatment. These projects could get underway by Labor Day and be completed by next summer. In June, the Sussex County council adopted a budget, including last-minute additions for beach protection.

The **Lewes** City Council rezoned a 62-acre bayfront property, allowing construction of 235 single-family homes near the main entrance to Cape Henlopen State Park.

The nearly $240 million annual bond bill includes some money for **Sussex County projects**: $1.3 million to replenish beaches at Bethany, South Bethany and Fenwick Island; $1 million for a Trades and Industry building at the southern campus of Delaware Technical and Community College; and $250,000 in planning money to the southern campus of DTCC. for construction of a $3.6 million building to be shared by the University of Delaware and Delaware State College.

A State dredge began work in May to restore the beach at **Kitts Hummock**. About 25,000 cubic yards of sand will be pumped to the badly-eroded south end of the beach. The project cost was $75,000.

SPECIAL ARTICLE: Regional Personal Income Data, 1987

According to recently released information by the Commerce Department, ten coastal states had the highest 1987 per capita income in the nation. Delaware ranked ninth with a per capita income of $16,696, a 7.7 percent increase over 1986. Connecticut led the nation with an average of $21,266 while Mississippi had a per capital income of only $10,292. Delaware's neighbors showed good growth. Pennsylvania at $15,212 grew by 6.5%; Maryland ranking fifth nationally grew by 7.0% to $18,124; and New Jersey at $20,352 grew by 8.3 percent, ranking second in the nation.

PUBLICATION ANNOUNCEMENT: Workforce Delaware: Training and Opportunities

In June this office released a publication titled Workforce Delaware: Training and Opportunities. This publication provides information for adminstrators and planners in economic development, education, and employment and training on the direction and magnitude of employment change through projections of occupational and industrial growth and decline as well as the relationships between formal training program completers and labor market demand. To obtain a copy of this report, please contact the Office of Occupational and Labor Market Information at (302) 368-6960.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT

BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE

TABLE 1

(IN THOUSANDS)

AREA	YEAR	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		
		APR	MAY	JUN*	APR	MAY	JUN*	APR	MAY	JUN*	APR	MAY	JUN*
DELAWARE, SEASONALLY ADJ.	1988	346.0	344.4	345.6	334.8	333.2	335.7	11.2	11.2	9.9	3.2	3.3	2.9
	1987	328.7	328.0	331.1	318.4	317.8	321.4	10.4	10.1	9.7	3.2	3.1	2.9
DELAWARE, UNADJUSTED	1988	343.6	346.4	353.0	332.5	336.2	342.4	11.1	10.2	10.6	3.2	2.9	3.0
	1987	326.4	329.9	338.1	316.1	320.7	327.8	10.2	9.2	10.3	3.1	2.8	3.0
WILMINGTON PMSA, UNADJUSTED	1988	298.1	299.8	303.1	288.0	289.7	292.5	10.0	10.1	10.5	3.4	3.4	3.5
	1987	286.4	286.4	290.4	275.5	277.3	279.7	10.9	9.1	10.8	3.8	3.2	3.7
UNITED STATES, SEASON. ADJ.**	1988	121,323.0	120,978.0	121,472.0	114,713.0	114,195.0	115,018.0	6,610.0	6,783.0	6,455.0	5.4	5.6	5.3
	1987	121,098.0	122,924.0	121,326.0	113,541.0	114,060.0	114,018.0	7,557.0	7,573.0	7,308.0	6.2	6.2	6.0
SURROUNDING STATES:													
NEW JERSEY, SEASONALLY ADJ.**	1988	3,969.0	3,922.0	3,955.0	3,831.0	3,776.0	3,810.0	138.0	146.0	145.0	3.5	3.7	3.7
	1987	3,961.0	4,000.0	3,974.0	3,800.0	3,834.0	3,809.0	161.0	166.0	165.0	4.1	4.2	4.2
NEW YORK, SEASONALLY ADJ.**	1988	8,363.0	8,429.0	8,516.0	8,072.0	8,071.0	8,220.0	291.0	358.0	296.0	3.5	4.2	3.5
	1987	8,458.0	8,462.0	8,503.0	8,046.0	8,062.0	8,108.0	412.0	400.0	395.0	4.9	4.7	4.6
PENNSYLVANIA, SEASON. ADJ.**	1988	5,753.0	5,661.0	5,702.0	5,477.0	5,375.0	5,410.0	276.0	286.0	292.0	4.8	5.1	5.1
	1987	5,564.0	5,624.0	5,638.0	5,254.0	5,315.0	5,314.0	310.0	309.0	324.0	5.6	5.5	5.7
MARYLAND, UNADJUSTED	1988	2,405.6	2,435.6	2,459.0	2,309.9	2,335.5	2,350.5	95.8	100.1	108.5	4.0	4.1	4.4
	1987	2,397.7	2,412.6	2,427.7	2,297.0	2,314.1	2,324.9	100.7	98.5	102.8	4.2	4.1	4.2

* PRELIMINARY

** U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

DELAWARE- NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY SELECTED INDUSTRY- BY PLACE OF WORK
(IN THOUSANDS)

TABLE-2

INDUSTRY GROUP	1988 APR	1988 MAY	1988 JUN	1987 APR	1987 MAY	1987 JUN
TOTAL NONAG. WAGE & SALARY	329.1	332.0	338.3	314.7	319.4	326.0
MANUFACTURING	68.4	68.2	69.4	68.8	69.3	70.2
DURABLE GOODS	17.9	17.8	18.0	19.2	19.0	19.1
PRIMARY & FABRICATED METALS	3.2	3.2	3.3	3.0	2.9	2.9
MACHINERY	3.8	3.5	3.6	3.4	3.5	3.5
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP	6.9	6.8	6.8	9.0	8.7	8.8
OTHER DURABLE GOODS	4.2	4.3	4.3	3.8	3.9	3.9
NONDURABLE GOODS	50.5	50.4	51.4	49.6	50.3	51.1
FOOD & KINDRED	9.1	9.1	9.4	8.7	8.9	9.6
TEXTILE & APPAREL	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
PAPER & ALLIED PROD.	2.7	2.6	2.7	2.8	2.8	2.8
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	2.7	2.7	2.6	3.0	3.0	2.9
CHEMICALS	30.9	31.1	31.4	30.1	30.6	30.8
RUBBER & PLASTICS	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.5	2.5	2.5
OTHER NONDURABLE GOODS	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
NONMANUFACTURING	260.7	263.8	268.9	245.9	250.1	255.8
MINING	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	21.1	21.6	22.2	19.8	19.9	20.5
GENERAL BLDG. CONT.	5.7	5.8	6.0	5.0	5.2	5.6
HEAVY CONST. CONT.	3.7	3.9	3.9	4.1	3.7	3.5
SPECIAL TRADE CONT.	11.7	11.9	12.3	10.7	11.0	11.4
TRANS., COMM., & PUB. UTILITIES	14.1	14.1	14.4	13.2	13.5	13.8
LOCAL & INTERURBAN PASS.	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6
TRUCKING & WAREHOUSING	4.6	4.7	4.9	4.2	4.2	4.3
COMMUNICATION	2.0	2.0	2.1	1.8	1.9	1.9
ELECTRIC GAS & SAN. SERVICE	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8
OTHER TRANSPORTATION	3.1	3.0	3.0	2.8	3.0	3.0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	71.6	72.6	73.8	68.5	70.3	72.4
WHOLESALE TRADE	12.3	12.4	12.5	11.6	11.6	11.7
WHOLESALE-DURABLE	7.0	7.1	7.2	6.7	6.6	6.7
WHOLESALE-NONDURABLE	5.3	5.3	5.3	4.9	5.0	5.0
RETAIL TRADE	59.3	60.2	61.3	56.9	58.7	60.7
BLDG. MATERIAL & GARDEN SUP.	2.8	2.9	3.0	2.4	2.4	2.5
GENERAL MERCH. STORES	8.4	8.4	8.3	8.5	8.6	8.7
FOOD STORES	9.2	9.2	9.2	8.7	9.0	9.2
AUTO DEALERS & SERVICE STATIONS	6.5	6.4	6.4	6.3	6.3	6.4
APPAREL & ACCESSORY STORES	3.1	3.1	3.3	2.9	3.0	3.1
FURNITURE & HOME FURNISHINGS	3.0	2.9	3.0	2.7	2.7	2.7
EATING & DRINKING PLACES	17.1	18.1	18.8	17.5	18.7	19.9
MISCELLANEOUS RETAIL	9.2	9.2	9.3	7.9	8.0	8.2
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	27.7	28.1	28.7	26.1	26.4	27.0
BANKING	16.2	16.3	16.7	14.6	14.9	15.2
FINANCE, EXCLUDING BANKS	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.5
INSURANCE CARRIERS, AGTS. & BROKERS	5.3	5.4	5.4	5.2	5.2	5.2
REAL ESTATE	3.9	4.1	4.3	3.9	3.9	4.1
SERVICES	78.4	79.4	80.9	71.8	73.1	74.8
PERSONAL SERVICES	3.5	3.4	3.4	3.2	3.1	3.1
BUSINESS SERVICES	20.9	21.0	21.4	19.2	19.4	19.6
AUTOMOBILE & MISC. REPAIR	3.7	3.7	3.8	3.0	3.1	3.1
AMUSEMENT & RECREATION SERVICES	3.4	3.8	4.2	2.8	3.3	3.7
HEALTH SERVICES	19.8	19.9	20.2	18.8	18.9	19.2
LEGAL SERVICES	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.3	2.3	2.4
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	4.4	4.5	4.4	4.1	4.1	4.0
SOCIAL SERVICES	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.8	5.7
OTHER SERVICES	14.8	15.3	15.8	12.9	13.3	14.0
GOVERNMENT	47.7	47.9	48.8	46.4	46.8	47.4
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	5.8	5.8	5.9	6.0	5.9	6.0
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	41.9	42.1	42.9	40.4	40.9	41.4
STATE GOVERNMENT	23.3	23.4	23.9	21.7	22.4	22.6
STATE EDUCATION	9.8	9.8	9.8	8.5	9.2	9.0
STATE NON-EDUCATION	13.5	13.6	14.1	13.2	13.2	13.6
LOCAL GOVERNMENT	18.6	18.7	19.0	18.7	18.5	18.8
LOCAL EDUCATION	13.6	13.6	13.7	13.9	13.8	13.5
LOCAL NON-EDUCATION	5.0	5.1	5.3	4.8	4.9	5.3
PERSONS INVOLVED IN WORK STOPPAGES	0.1	0.4	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1

WILMINGTON PMSA- NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY SELECTED INDUSTRY- BY PLACE OF WORK
(IN THOUSANDS)

TABLE-2A

INDUSTRY GROUP	1988 APR	1988 MAY	1988 JUN	1987 APR	1987 MAY	1987 JUN
TOTAL NONAG. WAGE & SALARY	280.3	282.0	284.7	270.3	273.1	276.8
MANUFACTURING	57.8	57.6	58.1	59.3	59.4	59.9
DURABLE GOODS	15.8	15.8	15.9	18.1	17.9	18.1
PRIMARY & FABRICATED METALS	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.4	2.3	2.3
MACHINERY	3.9	3.8	3.9	3.8	3.7	3.7
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP	7.4	7.4	7.3	9.5	9.2	9.4
OTHER DURABLE GOODS	2.1	2.2	2.2	2.6	2.7	2.7
NONDURABLE GOODS	42.0	41.8	42.2	41.2	41.5	41.8
FOOD & KINDRED	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9
TEXTILE & APPAREL	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.3	2.3	2.3
CHEMICALS	32.8	32.9	33.1	31.9	32.2	32.4
RUBBER & PLASTICS	3.1	2.9	3.1	3.0	3.0	3.0
OTHER NONDURABLE GOODS	1.9	1.9	1.9	2.0	2.0	2.1
NONMANUFACTURING	222.5	224.4	226.6	211.0	213.7	216.9
MINING	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	16.9	17.3	17.9	16.4	16.4	17.0
GENERAL BLDG. CONT.	4.2	4.3	4.5	3.7	3.8	4.2
HEAVY CONST. CONT.	2.8	2.8	2.9	3.9	3.8	3.4
SPECIAL TRADE CONT.	9.9	10.2	10.5	8.8	9.0	9.4
TRANS., COMM., & PUB. UTILITIES	15.2	14.9	15.2	14.1	14.4	14.5
LOCAL & INTERURBAN PASS.	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.3
TRUCKING & WAREHOUSING	4.6	4.5	4.7	4.2	4.2	4.3
COMMUNICATION	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4
ELECTRIC GAS & SAN. SERVICE	4.7	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.7	4.7
OTHER TRANSPORTATION	3.0	2.9	2.9	2.6	2.8	2.8
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	59.0	59.9	59.4	56.9	57.6	58.0
WHOLESALE TRADE	10.2	10.3	10.3	9.6	9.9	10.0
WHOLESALE-DURABLE	5.7	5.8	5.8	5.6	5.6	5.7
WHOLESALE-NONDURABLE	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.2	4.3	4.3
RETAIL TRADE	48.8	49.6	49.1	47.1	47.7	48.0
BLDG. MATERIAL & GARDEN SUP.	1.8	1.9	1.9	1.6	1.7	1.7
GENERAL MERCH. STORES	6.8	6.9	6.8	6.9	6.9	6.9
FOOD STORES	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.5	7.6	7.7
AUTO DEALERS & SERVICE STATIONS	5.9	5.9	5.8	5.8	5.8	5.8
APPAREL & ACCESSORY STORES	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.3	2.3	2.3
FURNITURE & HOME FURNISHINGS	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.1	2.1	2.1
EATING & DRINKING PLACES	14.5	15.1	14.9	14.4	14.7	14.9
MISCELLANEOUS RETAIL	7.2	7.2	7.2	6.5	6.6	6.6
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	24.6	25.0	25.4	23.1	23.5	24.0
BANKING	14.2	14.3	14.6	12.7	13.0	13.3
FINANCE, EXCLUDING BANKS	2.1	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.3
INSURANCE CARRIERS, AGTS. & BROKERS	4.9	5.0	5.0	4.9	4.9	5.0
REAL ESTATE	3.4	3.5	3.6	3.2	3.3	3.4
SERVICES	66.6	69.1	70.2	63.3	64.4	65.8
PERSONAL SERVICES	2.8	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.5	2.5
BUSINESS SERVICES	18.9	18.9	19.2	17.4	17.8	17.9
AUTOMOBILE & MISC. REPAIR	3.1	3.1	3.1	2.6	2.6	2.7
AMUSEMENT & RECREATION SERVICES	3.0	3.0	3.3	2.1	2.7	3.0
HEALTH SERVICES	17.7	17.9	18.2	17.2	17.3	17.6
LEGAL SERVICES	2.0	2.1	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.2
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	4.3	4.3	4.3	3.9	3.9	3.9
SOCIAL SERVICES	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.4	4.5
OTHER SERVICES	12.3	12.7	12.8	10.9	11.1	11.5
GOVERNMENT	38.1	38.1	38.4	37.0	37.2	37.4
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.9	4.8	4.8
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	33.4	33.4	33.7	32.1	32.4	32.6
STATE GOVERNMENT	15.2	15.3	15.4	14.0	14.6	14.6
STATE EDUCATION	8.4	8.5	8.5	7.3	8.0	7.9
STATE NON-EDUCATION	6.8	6.8	6.9	6.7	6.6	6.7
LOCAL GOVERNMENT	18.2	18.1	18.3	18.1	17.8	18.0
LOCAL EDUCATION	12.5	12.3	12.4	12.7	12.4	12.3
LOCAL NON-EDUCATION	5.7	5.8	5.9	5.4	5.4	5.7
PERSONS INVOLVED IN WORK STOPPAGES	0.1	0.4	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1

AVERAGE HOURLY AND WEEKLY EARNINGS AND HOURS WORKED BY PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY GROUPS

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DELAWARE *

	WEEKLY EARNINGS			WEEKLY HOURS			HOURLY EARNINGS		
	APR	MAY	JUN	APR	MAY	JUN	APR	MAY	JUN
1988									
MANUFACTURING	$ 422.41	$ 425.30	$ 432.02	39.7	39.6	40.3	$ 10.64	$ 10.74	$10.72
DURABLE GOODS	468.48	479.37	484.31	38.4	39.1	39.6	12.20	12.26	12.23
PRIMARY & FAB. METALS	396.01	393.61	379.75	39.8	39.4	40.1	9.95	9.99	9.47
MACHINERY	438.99	451.45	446.52	39.8	40.2	40.3	11.03	11.23	11.08
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	589.42	616.22	629.46	37.4	39.1	39.0	15.76	15.76	16.14
NONDURABLE GOODS	391.64	389.42	399.43	40.5	39.9	40.8	9.67	9.76	9.79
FOOD & KINDRED	297.15	289.08	297.66	41 .	39.6	41.0	7.23	7.30	7.26
TEXTILE & APPAREL	304.00	309.48	316.83	40.0	41.1	41.2	7.60	7.53	7.69
PAPER & ALLIED PRED.	348.00	432.85	367.43	34.8	41.7	35.5	10.00	10.38	10.35
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	368.78	364.00	393.97	35.7	34.7	37.7	10.33	10.49	10.45
CHEMICALS	572.98	572.42	585.74	42.1	41.6	42.2	13.61	13.76	13.88
RUBBER & PLASTICS	459.65	392.74	463.95	43.2	37.8	42.8	10.64	10.39	10.84
1987									
MANUFACTURING	$ 419.05	$ 434.72	$ 428.40	40.1	41.6	40.8	$ 10.45	$ 10.45	$ 10.50
DURABLE GOODS	475.83	490.46	483.34	40.6	41.6	41.1	11.72	11.79	11.76
PRIMARY & FAB. METALS	358.45	374.79	360.58	37.3	39.0	37.6	9.61	9.61	9.59
MACHINERY	443.56	486.74	481.24	44.4	46.4	45.4	9.99	10.49	10.60
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	576.40	595.89	583.21	40.0	41.7	41.1	14.41	14.29	14.19
NONDURABLE GOODS	375.71	391.76	388.54	39.8	41.5	40.6	9.44	9.44	9.57
FOOD & KINDRED	274.94	295.30	297.14	38.4	41.3	40.1	7.16	7.15	7.41
TEXTILE & APPAREL	273.98	295.30	291.62	38.0	41.3	41.9	7.21	7.15	6.96
PAPER & ALLIED PRED.	358.02	415.67	360.88	36.2	42.2	34.8	9.89	9.85	10.37
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	321.38	327.97	325.74	35.2	36.2	35.6	9.13	9.06	9.15
CHEMICALS	579.90	574.43	592.52	43.7	42.9	43.6	13.27	13.39	13.59
RUBBER & PLASTICS	467.86	456.49	462.05	44.9	43.6	44.3	10.42	10.47	10.43

* COVERS AN ESTIMATED 32,200 PRODUCTON WORKERS

WILMINGTON PRIMARY METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (PMSA) **

	WEEKLY EARNINGS			WEEKLY HOURS			HOURLY EARNINGS		
	APR	MAY	JUN	APR	MAY	JUN	APR	MAY	JUN
1988									
MANUFACTURING	$ 527.83	$ 534.66	$ 542.82	40.2	40.2	40.6	$ 13.13	$ 13.30	$13.37
DURABLE GOODS	506.53	526.24	527.92	37.3	38.3	38.2	13.58	13.74	13.82
PRIMARY & FAB. METALS	337.55	342.04	332.00	37.8	37.3	37.9	8.93	9.17	8.76
MACHINERY	449.48	466.06	459.15	39.6	39.8	40.1	11.35	11.71	11.45
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	587.02	614.23	627.78	37.2	38.9	38.8	15.78	15.79	16.18
NONDURABLE GOODS	549.91	543.13	559.87	43.3	42.3	43.3	12.70	12.84	12.93
FOOD & KINDRED	316.01	323.57	332.15	49.3	49.4	49.5	6.41	6.55	6.71
TEXTILE & APPAREL	325.68	323.82	335.38	41.7	42.0	42.4	7.81	7.71	7.91
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	413.04	410.08	443.12	36.2	34.9	38.2	11.41	11.75	11.60
CHEMICALS	743.25	736.06	750.17	45.1	44.8	44.6	16.48	16.43	16.82
RUBBER & PLASTICS	466.96	394.00	473.37	43.6	37.1	42.8	10.71	10.62	11.06
1987									
MANUFACTURING	$ 500.61	$ 513.74	$ 508.71	41.0	41.7	41.8	$ 12.21	$ 12.32	$ 12.17
DURABLE GOODS	509.52	532.40	518.73	39.9	41.4	41.3	12.77	12.86	12.56
PRIMARY & FAB. METALS	337.46	346.09	338.25	36.8	37.7	37.5	9.17	9.18	9.02
MACHINERY	440.75	488.42	431.30	41.0	43.3	44.1	10.75	11.28	9.78
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	568.80	589.76	578.95	39.5	41.3	40.8	14.40	14.28	14.19
NONDURABLE GOODS	487.34	487.94	494.38	42.6	42.1	42.4	11.44	11.59	11.66
FOOD & KINDRED	294.60	282.71	298.30	49.1	42.9	47.2	6.00	6.59	6.32
TEXTILE & APPAREL	296.80	323.53	322.91	38.1	41.8	42.1	7.79	7.74	7.67
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	358.20	368.00	361.15	35.5	36.8	35.9	10.09	10.00	10.06
CHEMICALS	663.26	653.40	670.96	44.1	43.3	44.2	15.04	15.09	15.18
RUBBER & PLASTICS	461.21	458.17	458.81	43.8	42.9	43.0	10.53	10.68	10.37

** COVERS AN ESTIMATED 21,000 PRODUCTON WORKERS

NOTE: MOST RECENT MONTH IS PRELIMINIARY DATA.

NUMBER AND AMOUNT OF UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION PAYMENTS FOR REGULAR U.I. PROGRAM BY AREA/LOCAL OFFICE

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AREA AND OFFICE	APR	MAY	JUN	APR	MAY	JUN
	WEEKS COMPENSATED			AMT. OF PAYMENT		
STATE TOTALS *	18,862	17,310	19,622	2,985,251	2,826,866	3,262,478
NEW CASTLE COUNTY/	11,976	11,343	13,950	2,061,263	1,990,731	2,452,657
WILMINGTON L.O.	9,584	9,092	11,694	1,697,212	1,636,286	2,113,001
NEWARK L.O.	2,392	2,251	2,256	364,051	354,445	339,656
KENT COUNTY/ DOVER L.O.	2,293	1,880	1,801	288,415	239,278	214,187
SUSSEX COUNTY/ GEORGETOWN L.O.	2,069	1,675	1,393	235,991	203,626	182,031
	AVERAGE WEEKLY BENEFIT AMOUNT			NUMBER OF U.I. FIRST PAYMENTS		
STATE TOTALS *	165	171	174	844	670	751
NEW CASTLE COUNTY/	179	183	182	397	372	469
WILMINGTON L.O.	182	185	186	225	224	308
NEWARK L.O.	162	171	163	172	148	161
KENT COUNTY/ DOVER L.O.	132	139	131	218	94	126
SUSSEX COUNTY/ GEORGETOWN L.O.	123	131	141	105	86	68

* INCLUDES INTERSTATE LIABLE PAYMENTS WHICH ARE NOT AGGREGATED IN THE AREA/LOCAL OFFICE TOTALS

SOURCE: DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE AUTOMATED DATA SYSTEM

DELAWARE U.I. REGULAR CONTINUED CLAIM COUNTS

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	1988			1987		
	FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 12TH OF					
	APR	MAY	JUN	APR	MAY	JUN
TOTAL COUNT	4,500	4,300	4,000	4,100	3,500	3,100
NUMBER OF AUTO INDUSTRY	1,600	1,600	1,500	0	0	0
TOTAL LESS AUTO INDUSTRY	2,900	2,700	2,500	4,100	3,500	3,100
	FOR THE MONTHS OF					
	APR	MAY	JUN	APR	MAY	JUN
TOTAL COUNT	19,200	19,000	19,700	19,000	14,300	14,800
NUMBER OF AUTO INDUSTRY	6,500	6,900	6,100	0	0	0
TOTAL LESS AUTO INDUSTRY	12,700	12,100	11,600	19,000	14,300	14,800

NOTE: DETAIL MAY NOT ADD TO TOTALS DUE TO ROUNDING

SOURCE: DERIVED FROM WEEKLY LOCAL OFFICE REPORTS OF U.I. CLAIMS-TAKING ACTIVITIES

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX AND PERCENT CHANGES FOR ALL URBAN CONSUMERS PHILADELPHIA AREA

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EXPENDITURE CATEGORY	1988 APR	1988 MAY	1988 JUN	1987 APR	1987 MAY	1987 JUN
ALL ITEMS	120.0	120.9	121.9	115.5	116.4	117.4
FOOD & BEVERAGES	114.4	115.1	116.1	111.4	111.9	112.0
HOUSING	121.5	122.3	125.2	116.2	118.4	120.6
APPAREL & UPKEEP	107.9	109.2	104.6	110.6	106.6	103.7
TRANSPORTATION	114.2	115.1	114.8	110.4	110.7	111.5
MEDICAL	139.8	140.7	140.7	130.6	131.7	132.9
ENTERTAINMENT	116.9	119.9	121.1	108.9	108.7	109.4
OTHER GOODS & SERVICES	143.4	143.3	143.5	133.9	134.1	134.3
	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS MONTH AND YEAR AGO					
ALL ITEMS						
MONTHLY	0.3	0.7	0.8	1.3	0.8	0.9
YEARLY	3.9	3.9	3.8	5.0	5.4	5.4
	UNITED STATES					
ALL ITEMS						
INDEX	117.1	117.5	118.0	112.7	113.1	113.5
MO. CHANGE (%)	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.1
YR. CHANGE (%)	3.9	3.9	4.0	3.8	3.9	3.7

SOURCE: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

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